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EEC edges towards compromise on reforms

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

After two days of intense debate and alternating hope and despair, the EEC summit meeting was last night emerging with a broad package of proposed reforms on power for the European Parliament, the eventual abolition of trade barriers, a common foreign policy, and "the progressive realization" of an economic and monetary union.

A concession by Mrs Margaret Thatcher on monetary union was seen as having paved the way for possible compromise.

But the emerging package was so shot through with loopholes and national exemptions as to be described by one EEC observer as "about as solid as a piece of Gruyere cheese". It is subject to approval not only by national parliaments but also, in the case of the marginal increase in parliamentary powers, by the Strasbourg Assembly itself.

There was lengthy last-minute disagreement over exemptions for Britain and the Irish Republic in the area of the movement of people and goods across European frontiers. On all issues, Denmark has said it will reserve its position but will recommend acceptance to the Danish Parliament.

Mrs Thatcher maintained the good humour with which she arrived on Monday, in contrast to the disastrous summit in Milan in June when she condemned "grandiose themes". Like other EEC leaders, she stayed in Luxembourg until late in the evening.

Britain made concessions on monetary cohesion, as did Chancellor Kohl of West Germany. Both countries had previously opposed any moves including monetary union in the revised Treaty of Rome.

The summit agreed on a new preamble to the Treaty referring to the ultimate goal of a European Monetary Union and implying wider use of the Ecu, the European Monetary Unit, and perhaps full British membership of the European exchange rate mechanism.

The summit offered the Strasbourg Parliament a second reading of Bills, or new delaying powers, with a review in the future.

If Strasbourg dismisses this as derisory at its session next week, as it may well do, Italy has said it will withdraw consent, and this part of the package could fall away, plunging the EEC into fresh crisis.

Most of the agreed texts were last-minute compromises offered by Luxembourg, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers until the end of the year.

But the presidency text on a definition of the internal market and a move toward majority voting on open frontiers, the heart of Common Market reforms, was imperilled late in the evening when Holland and others objected to British and Irish barriers against animal diseases, such as rabies, drugs, plant health hazards, illegal immigrants and terrorists.

Outstanding points are to be worked out by lawyers and submitted to foreign ministers before the next summit in March.

"All the leaders have done is to lay the basis for Treaty amendments", one official said. "But perhaps that is all we can expect, given that they had to wade through mounds of technical details rather than dealing with the broad picture."

Sources close to the talks say it is not a triumphant outcome, but that it does constitute forward movement.

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Plessey faces takeover offer

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Lord Weinstock's General Electric Company (GEC), Britain's biggest electronics company, yesterday proposed a marriage with its key competitor, Plessey, to create an organization high in the world league in fast-growing sectors like telecommunications and defence equipment, including aerospace. It would have a combined turnover of £6.6 billion.

It could boost the troubled British electonic industry's chances of competing effectively in a growing world market where only the biggest companies stand an effective chance of meeting high research and development costs amid a bitter price war.

Plessey is still smarting from losing the United States Army battlefield communications system contract for which Rockwell of California had submitted Plessey's Ptarmigan communications technology. The £5.2 billion bid was severely undercut.

The emergence of an aggressive, privatized British Telecom has been a factor in the GEC move, said Lord Weinstock, whose company, with Plessey, has been involved in System X telephone systems supply for BT.

BT is allowing competition for exchange equipment from Sweden's L. M. Ericcson.

Lord Weinstock would not be drawn on possible job losss resulting from a merger but said: "If we find waste we will cut it".

The proposed move, which would be a takeover by GEC of the smaller company, could clearly raise monopoly problems but one government minister, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under Secretary for Trade, told the Lords in June that GEC and Plessey should consider merging.

Last night Plessey had said only that a board meeting would be called to consider the proposal. For more than 20

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Mrs Mandela giving a black power salute as she addressed mourners after yesterday's funeral.

Defiant call by wife of Mandela

From Michael Hornsby
Mamelodi

This dusty black township, a few miles east of Pretoria, administrative seat of white power, yesterday buried 12 of its citizens killed in a clash with police on November 21, the worst day of violence in South Africa since 20 blacks were shot at Uitenhage, in the Eastern Cape, in March.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress, unexpectedly joined mourners after the burial and declared, to cheers: "That day is not far when we shall lead you to freedom."

Wearing a scarf of green, gold and black, the ANC's colours, she said the blood of "our fallen heroes" would be avenged. The funeral gathering was a testimony to the failure of the Government and "to the fact that the solution to the country's problems lies in these black hands".

Since early last month Mrs Mandela has been defying police orders to return to a black township outside the small town of Brandfort, in Orange Free State, to which she was banished in 1977. She is also banned from making speeches.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 mourners, about a fifth of Mamelodi's inhabitants, attended the funeral service in the township's football stadium and then, dancing and singing, followed the coffins draped in ANC flags to the burial ground, about a mile away.

As the coffins were lowered into the ground, the multitude raised clenched fists and sang "Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika" (God Bless Africa), the Xhosa hymn which has become the anthem of black nationalism. Mourners then took turns to shovel earth into the graves.

Special arrangements for the funeral were negotiated between the police and a committee chosen by the residents, the police agreed to stay away from the funeral on the understanding that the organizers would prevent rioting by young mourners.

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Increase in smoking by teenagers

Schoolchildren are now smoking between £70 million and £90 million of cigarettes a year, according to a report published yesterday. While adult smoking is on the decline, teenage smoking rose from 34 per cent to 40 per cent between 1982 and 1984.

Research by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys revealed that 45 per cent of girls aged 16 now smoke.

Of the 9,234 pupils questioned in 300 schools in England and Wales in 1984, 13 per cent were regularly smoking more than 50 cigarettes a week.

In the wake of these findings the Government announced yesterday that it is to spend £1 million in the next year on a media campaign to discourage teenagers from smoking.

Outlining details of the campaign, Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, said the Government would be supporting a series of commercials in two pilot areas, Tyne Tees and TV South.

The OPCS survey on teenage smoking (Smoking Among Secondary Schoolchildren, HMSO, £13.50 net) also showed that though boys experiment with smoking at an earlier age than girls, girls catch up and possibly overtake boys in their fourth school years.

● A group of actors headed by Warren Mitchell, the pipe-smoking Alf Garnett in *Till Death Do Us Part*, yesterday launched a campaign to end sponsorship of the arts by tobacco companies.

Schoolchildren smoking an average 50 cigarettes a week in 1984 (1982 figures in brackets)

PUPILS IN	BOYS (%)		GIRLS (%)	
Second year	3	(2)	2	(2)
Third year	12	(9)	9	(7)
Fourth year	17	(19)	24	(15)
Fifth year	31	(26)	28	(28)

Source: Smoking Among Secondary School Children in 1984 (Stationery Office, £10.50).

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King dismisses prospect of united Ireland

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, last night caused serious political embarrassment to the Irish Republic's prime minister by saying that in signing the Anglo-Irish Agreement he had accepted there would never be a united Ireland into perpetuity.

The careful diplomatic language of the agreement, signed less than three weeks ago, was shattered by Mr King's blunt comment during a luncheon in Brussels where he is supporting an investment mission.

By seeking still further to allay Unionist fears that the agreement is the start of a process leading inevitably to a united Ireland and by trying to emphasize the political stability of Northern Ireland to prospective investors Mr King may well have found himself at the centre of a political furore.

Mr King said that despite a constitution with aspirations about sovereignty over Norther Ireland, Dr. Garrett FitzGerald "has in fact accepted that for all practical purposes and into perpetuity, there will never be a united Ireland." He had done so by accepting the principle of consent so that the will of the majority community in Northern Ireland would predominate. As a result, the north would remain part of the United Kingdom, which was the Government's fervent wish.

In the agreement both governments affirmed that any change in the status of Northern Ireland would only come about with the consent of a majority in the province. It recognized the wish of the majority for no change at present, but said that the establishment of a united Ireland, the governments would introduce and support legislation in their respective parliaments.

Even Mr King was only stating the reality of the situation that it will be a long time before the majority consented to a change in their UK position, the manner and timing of his remarks caused serious concern in Dublin.

While the government there recognized the enormous pressure under which Mr King is operating, his remarks do not reflect the position of Dr FitzGerald.

They are certain to be seized on by Mr Charles Haughey, leader of the Fianna Fail opposition, to attack the Prime Minister, whom he will accuse of abandoning the cause of Irish unity. With the conference expected to hold its first meeting in Belfast before Christmas, the last thing both governments wanted was a political dispute and conflict over the semantics of wording in the agreement.

● The Chief Constable of the RUC was at the centre of a political dispute last night after issuing a three-page statement to all force members aimed at allaying fears about the Anglo-Irish agreement and the future role of the police in Northern Ireland.

The RUC issued a full text of a message sent last Friday to all officers after it had been leaked to the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party. Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable, has clearly been angered by the uncertainty created within the community and the force by a series of allegations, subsequently denied, about its future.

Mr Peter Robinson, DUP deputy leader, accused Sir John of being the "paid lackery of the London and Dublin establishments".

Vauxhall to create 600 Merseyside car jobs

Vauxhall Motors is to invest a further £8.7 million in its Ellesmere Port plant creating an extra 600 jobs on Merseyside.

The news was given yesterday by the secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Leon Brittan. Speaking after a meeting in London with Mr John Fleming, chairman of Vauxhall Motors, he said: "Last Monday, I expressed disappointment with Vauxhall's relatively low level of UK-sourced output. But I was glad to learn from Mr Fleming that the company will invest a further £8.7 million which will enable ouput to be raised from about 28 vehicles per hour to 35 vehicles per hour by October 1986.

"Vauxhall estimates this will result in output of car and car-derived vans rising from the equivalent of 56 per cent of United Kingdom sales in 1985 to almost 64 per cent in 1986."

Vauxhall has also said it aims to increase British content of vehicles built here from an average of 45 per cent in 1984 to about 50 per cent in 1985, with the aim of achieving about 60 per cent by the end of 1986.

Mr Fleming said the announcement was coupled to the "successful conclusion of our recent wage negotiations" and the launch of a new car next month, the Belmont, to be built at Ellesmere Port.

● Austin Rover exports rose by 30 per cent last month, compared with a year ago, but the company said last night that its biggest success could be affected by new Spanish import quotas.

This year Austin Rover has sold 3,800 cars in Spain, nearly twice last year's number, inspite of having to pay between 19 per cent and 25 per cent import duty on each car.

Backers of obscenity Bill hopeful

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Leaders of a backbench attempt to tighten the law on obscene publications were growing more hopeful last night because of a decision to restrict its scope to two provisions specifically designed to protect young children.

Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, supported by sponsors from all parties, will today present to the Commons a Bill amending the Obscene Publications Act of 1959 by extending its provisions to television and radio, and to premises where children under 18 have access.

The aim of the latter would be to prevent newsagents and other shops from selling explicit magazines or other publications; they would be available in future only from sex-shops.

Mr Churchill finished second in the ballot for private Member's legislation. Sir

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BBC television bans 'Rambo'

The BBC has decided to postpone showing the film *First Blood*, provisionally scheduled for transmission at Christmas.

It is understood that Mr Michael Grade, controller of BBC1, decided the film, which introduced the violent former American Marine Rambo, played by Sylvester Stallone, was unsuitable for Christmas family viewing.

MPs demand new child abuse laws

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

MPs from all parties yesterday backed calls for new legislation to prevent child abuse as the report on Jasmine Beckford, aged four, who was battered to death by her stepfather, was published, describing the death as a predictable and a preventable homicide.

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who chaired the inquiry, said that "virtually every agency which touched the case", which included the health, education, social services and magistrates' court, "seemed to have got it wrong".

But he said that Jasmine "could have lived or died in almost any borough and the defects of the child protection system would have been precisely the same". The faults lay in the system and in the training and education of social workers, and in future it must be clear that it is the child's interests which come first.

The report calls for radical changes in the training of social workers with more emphasis on specialist skills, such as dealing with child abuse, for doctors and the health service to be more closely involved and for every school to have a member of staff designated to liaise with social services about children in care or on the at risk register.

Brent council, which has no party in overall control, said that it had begun implementing some recommendations, while disciplinary action against social workers is expected to begin in the next few days.

Officials are to report to the social services committee tomorrow week. Council sources said that it was expected that the social worker who dealt with Jasmine, Miss Gunn Wahlstrom, and her supervisor, Mrs Diane Dietman, would probably be suspended and some action taken against Mr

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David Bishop, the area social services manager involved and possibly Miss Valerie Howarth, director of social services.

Yesterday, Mr Nick Krivine, of the white-collar union Nalgo, said that there would be a strike if disciplinary action occurred. "No individual is solely to blame and must not be made to carry the can."

Mr David Sheppard, leader of the Conservative group, said that the council was setting up a child-care unit with specialists. "We have changed child abuse procedures to include the child being seen by its social workers at least once a fortnight whilst on the child abuse register."

A child returned to its parents on trial would have regular examinations by a specialist child doctor.

Banks abolish charges to bring back customers

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Three of the four big high street banks yesterday announced the introduction of free banking for their 16 million customers on all current accounts which remain in credit.

The move by Barclays, National Westminster and Lloyds follows the introduction of free-if-in-credit banking by Midland a year ago. In the last 12 months Midland has gained 450,000 accounts at the expense of its high street rivals.

Nat West and Barclays have each lost 60,000 current accounts to banks offering free banking over the last year and NatWest recorded a fall in the number of accounts for the first time ever. Free banking comes in at Barclays from yesterday at Nat West from next Monday and at Lloyds from next March.

Mr Philip Girle, general manager of domestic banking at NatWest, said: "Free in-credit banking is now a major competitive feature of our market place. People expect it as a matter of course from their banks."

He added that the lack of free banking meant NatWest had failed to attract about 100,000 new "seed-corn" accounts from young customers over the last year.

NatWest said the move would cost it £18 million in lost commission from accounts, but it hoped to make up the shortfall by selling more loans and insurance. Barclays and Lloyds said the cost of free banking would be "minimal".

Barclays and NatWest, each with more than 6 million personal current account holders, expect the proportion of those not paying charges to rise by about 10 per cent to more than 50 per cent. Lloyds, with 3.6 million customers, expects the proportion to rise from 55 per cent to about 63 per cent.

All three banks are removing charges as long as accounts remain in the black, but for any quarter when the account goes overdrawn full charges are levied. Barclays and Lloyds, however, will still not charge if the account has retained an average of £500 in credit over the accounting period.

Lloyds is reducing the charging period from three months to one month so that an account going briefly into the red will only pay one month's charges.

At the same time, the banks are raising charges on most transactions when accounts are in debit. The largest increases are on withdrawals of money from cash machines where charges have been lower than on over-the-counter withdrawals.

NatWest is raising the cost of these transactions from 12p to 29p, although the cost of each manual withdrawal will fall to 25p from 29p. Charges on both transactions are rising to 29p at Barclays, but Lloyds is reducing its 30p manual withdrawal charge to the present 20p cost of cash machine withdrawals.

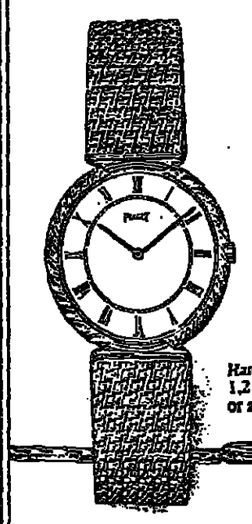
COST OF A BANK ACCOUNT

Bank	Minimum balance for free banking	Manual debits	Auto debits	Interest allowance	Account maintenance charge
NatWest	Nil	25p	25p	3%	£3 per quarter
Midland	Nil	31p	12p	2.5%	—
TSB	Nil	35p	35p	Nil	—
Co-op	Nil	36p	36p	Nil	—
Barclays†	Nil	29p	29p	3%	£3 per quarter
Lloyds*†	Nil	20p	20p	3% below gross deposit rate	£1 per month

* Effective from March 1985.
† No charge for debit balance if account averages £500 in credit over accounting period.

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Inner cities report

Runcie gives low-key reply to defuse clash of church and Government

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, launched his commission's report on inner city areas somewhat gingerly at a press conference yesterday, saying: "I would naturally, like anybody else, be unready to agree immediately to all its proposals."

He praised the document, which has generated controversy between the church and Government since it was partly leaked last Saturday, as "independent, comprehensive, and authoritative".

But it was a low-key endorsement, apparently shaped by his desire that the wealth of detailed research and analysis in its 400 pages should not become a "political or ecclesiastical football", in his words, because of certain outspoken passages in it.

"All of us may question a passage here and a passage there", he said.

A political football it was yesterday, however, with Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, and Mr Jeffrey Archer, vice-chairman, who questioned the political neutrality of Sir Richard O'Brien, whom Dr Runcie appointed as the commission's chairman.

Sir Richard "is a known supporter of the Labour Party", Mr Archer said in Cardiff. "They should have searched diligently for someone who was totally neutral." Mr Tebbit said on BBC radio: "The commission was led by a former member of the Labour Party; I don't know whether he still is." The report came to conclusions which were not unexpected "if one looks at the personalities".

Sir Richard later issued a statement, admitting that he had been a member of the Labour Party "for a number of years after the war" but was not when he became chairman of the Manpower Sevices Commission (under a Labour government) 10 years ago. He chaired the archbishop's commission not as a supporter of the Labour Party but as an active practising Christian, he said.

And Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, joined in, condemning Conservative attacks on the church report which he said came from "the churlish tendency". It was an important, but basically moderate report, he said.

The press conference was attended by the entire commission, with opening speeches from Dr Runcie, Sir Richard, and the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard. Dr Runcie said the report had a spiritual heart, was undergirded by careful theological argument, and was based on hard evidence, not hearsay. The analysis was rigorous, informed and objective, and the conclusions serious.

It was not "Marxist" in any sense of the term, he said. Answering questions, he amplified that, saying that there were parts of the report, dealing with small businesses and local enterprise, which were "Thatcherite" and other parts "which could with a certain amount of mental acrobatics be thought of as Marxist".

Dr Anthony Harvey, Canon of Westminster and one of the commission's theologians, then gave a brief scholarly exposition of the difference between Marxism and Christianity. He admitted that the commission had given a sympathetic reception to Latin American liberation theology, which was based on a Marxist analysis of social conditions, but had not found it directly applicable to British conditions.

It was said on Dr Runcie's behalf later that his reservations were mainly over a few of the recommendations concerning the church in the inner city. He intends to make a much more specific response when the report is debated in the General Synod in February. Nevertheless in church circles it had been generally expected that his enthusiasm for the report would have been stronger, and it was suggested that the restrained tone was a tactical response to the political dispute the report has caused.

The church has appointed a "follow-up" officer, the Rev Patrick Dearnley, former area dean of Islington, to promote the church's response to the commission's report. A number of meetings, will be held next year.

● Mr John Biffen, answering questions for the Prime Minister as Leader of the Commons yesterday, made only the mildest criticism of the report *Faith in the City*, which he described as "seeking a serious and sustained debate" on the use of resources. He said the House would be well advised to treat it as a serious contribution (Our Poloitical Editor writes).

Mr Biffen said the church through the ages had interested itself in social affairs. It had to be judged by the quality of its arguments.

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Dr Runcie with Sir Richard O'Brien, chairman of the commission, at the London press conference yesterday (Photograph: John Manning)

Community group fund planned

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Mr Rod Hackney, adviser to the Prince of Wales on community architecture, is to start a fund to help community groups with inner city regeneration projects.

The fund, to be called Inner City Aid, will be launched next month. Mr Hackney says he will discuss the idea with the Prince of Wales in two weeks.

Mr Hackney will seek support from financial institutions, including banks and building societies, commerce and industry, and from individuals. Money raised will go direct to people in deprived areas for housing community facilities, job creation and environment improvement projects.

A non-political figurehead is being sought to lead the campaign, intended as a self-help exercise modelled on Bob Geldof's Band Aid famine appeal.

Mr Hackney told *The Times*: "Britain's inner cities are a £120 billion problem. By making funds directly available to people in inner city areas we will be able to avoid much of the bureaucracy and time which siphons off cash where it is most needed."

He hoped the Government would encourage the fund by offering tax concessions to companies backing it.

CBI leader calls for Prince of industry

By Alan Hamilton

A member of the Royal Family, possibly Prince Edward, should set an example by making a career in British industry, Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the CBI, said yesterday.

Sir Terence was speaking in Manchester in the wake of a recent speech by the Prince of Wales which criticized the "employee mentality" prevalent in northern parts of Britain and the unwillingness of people there to become involved in small businesses.

His suggestion received a cool reception from Buckingham Palace, which said Prince Edward was committed to a career in the Royal Marines. It would occupy him for a minimum of five years after he finishes his Cambridge University degree course next year. The Prince has already passed his officer selection test, and he is receiving a grant from the Marines to continue his degree course.

Sir Terence's remarks were obviously made with an eye to Industry Year, a campaign being run next year to persuade young people that industry is *just as respectable a career as* medicine or the Civil Service.

The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the Royal Society of Arts, is the campaign's patron. The Duke of Kent, the Queen's cousin, also works actively for British industry as vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Sir Terence said that if Prince Edward were to make a career in industry it would set an exmple and help to change some past attitudes. "Prince Andrew has already broken new ground by being in the thick of the Falklands fighting, after which the nation rose to him. What I was wondering was whether one of the other of our princes would get into the battle for wealth creation."

The CBI chief said he was not thinking of the Prince of Wales for a career in industry, because of his position as heir to the throne. Industry, he said, did not resent the Prince's recent speech and its criticisms. "Industry is not defensive at all about it because we are self-critical ourselves. And I would say industry has made some real progress."

Union veto on region's bid for ballot funds

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The Transport and General Workers' Union has rejected an attempt by one of its regions to reverse union policy and apply for government funds to finance secret ballots.

The move, by the Humber and East Coast region, was potentially embarrassing for Mr Walter Greendale, the union's hard-left chairman who is one of the region's two representatives on the ruling general executive council.

But yesterday the executive rejected the Humberside motion and instead re-interated its opposition to the Government's employment legislation with a call to the Labour Party to dismantle the Employment of 1980 and 1982 Acts and the Trade Union Act, 1984.

The resolution to the quarterly meeting of the TGWU executive taking place in London this week was passed by the Humberside region against the advice of the regional secretary, Mr Mal Snow, who argued that it was contrary to union policy.

Inspite of the emphatic rejection by the executive yesterday, it represents another indication of growing unease among rank and file trade unionists over the union movement's current official stance of non-co-operation with the employment legislation and was debated 24 hours after the executive decided to recommend a change to its rule governing leadership elections.

The executive declared that it would be playing a full part in the TUC review of strategy on the employment legislation which is now underway and will culminate in a special consultative conference of all unions next month.

TGWU leaders said that the review should centre on the role of the law in industrial relations, positive rights for trade unions and trade unionists, union recognition, ballots and public funding of ballots.

The union's acceptance of the need to change its rules on elections from the 14 trade groups to the general executive will be seen as further evidence of the necessity for all unions, albeit with varying degrees of reluctance, to comply with the legislation rather than put their funds at risk to court actions.

Militants' A-team is disbanded

By Peter Davenport

Liverpool's controversial propaganda unit of shop stewards, set up to further the policies of the Militant-dominated council, has been disbanded.

More than 60 council workers were seconded from their jobs on full pay to a special unit based in the town hall during the budget crisis.

The unit was attacked by Tory and Liberal councillors in the city who nick-named it the "A-Team". They complained that the cost of the unit was being borne by ratepayers.

Members of the unit were also given expenses to attend to union duties and the use of a council mini-bus to distribute Labour propaganda leaflets.

The unit was staffed by men seconded under powers delegated to Mr Derek Hatton, the council's deputy leader.

● A Labour rally in Liverpool is to be addressed by Mr Tony Benn on Friday evening before the NEC Committee investigating the activities of the city's District Labour party arrive to begin two days of hearings.

● An appeal by the 48 Labour councillors due to face the High Court on January 13 to fight orders of disqualification and surcharge by the district auditor as a result of their failure to set a rate earlier this year has so far raised less than 10 per cent of the estimated £130,000 of legal fees.

Bombattack on London flat fails

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Detectives in London are investigating an arson attempt on a Kensington flat yesterday after a couple awoke to find a smouldering incendiary device attached to 10 gallons of inflammable liquid.

The bomb was placed overnight in the sitting room of the two-bedroom flat, part of a complex of modernized apartments in De Vere Mews near Hyde Park.

The flat is let on a time-share basis by a London company which bought a number of flats in the block six years ago. The occupants at the time of the attack were a Bristol property developer, his wife and a relative.

The bomb was made with a timing device. The police believe it would have destroyed much of the block if it had not been discovered by the developer's wife.

The bomb is not thought to be the work of terrorists and detectives were looking at other possible motives such as a grudge against the occupiers or the company which lets the flat.

Report on slaughter methods criticized

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Leaders of the Jewish and Muslim religious communities said yesterday that their followers would become vegetarians rather than accept a ban on traditional Shechita or Halal methods of slaughtering animals.

Rabbi Bernard Berkiovits, Registrar of the Court of the Chief Rabbi and a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, described the so-called scientific evidence published in a report earlier this year by the Farm Animal Welfare Council as "unreliable, fallacious and contradictory".

Imam Ovaisa, of the Muslim Institute, said the report was seriouly flawed. He and his colleagues had made representations to the Government, which he hoped would be heeded before any legislation was put forward.

Both men were speaking at a seminar at the Royal Smithfield Show in London. Mr John Gummer, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, who was also visiting the show, said later that the Government would give full weight to the views of the Jewish and Muslim communities.

In its report, the council recommended that Jews and Muslims should be required to review their methods of slaughter to develop methods that permitted effective stunning before animals were killed. Legislation that permitted slaughter without stunning should be repealed within the next three years.

Mr Alistair Mews, deputy chief veterinarian of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told the seminar that a captive bolt pistol, properly used, was the only proven method of terminating any evoked response to pain in animals.

Mr Don Haxby, a former president of the British Veterinary Association and a member of the council, said there was no wish to discriminate against religious minorities.

Champion breed

For the second year running the supreme championship at the Royal Smithfield Show was won yesterday by a Limousin-Aberdeen Angus crossbred steer. Hae Presto is owned by Mr Robert Aitken, of Perth.

Stores face credit card fraud threat

A cheque card fraud has compromised the security of the new hologram cheque cards, introduced last year, as stores prepare for a record Christmas shopping spree.

Stores such as Marks & Spencer and British Home Stores have been defrauded since more than 10,000 blank cheque card signature strips were stolen from the manufacturers 10 days ago.

Many of the strips have been recovered, but detectives believe that a few thousand are still in criminal hands. Although the fraud cannot safely be operated against bank cashiers, it will be difficult for hard-pressed shop assistants to detect in the Christmas rush.

The fraud operates by removing the original strip from a stolen cheque card, replacing it with a new one which is then signed with the holder's name but in the defrauder's own hand-writing so there is no risk of immediate detection.

Mr Jim Parsons, secretary of the banks' cheque card committee, said yesterday that the stolen strips could be detected because the criminals were unable to copy the manufacturer's method of compressing the strip into the card.

BBC retrieves lost Hancock for holidays

A long lost edition of *Hancock's Half Hour* and a host of presenters turning their talents to pantomime are among the highlights on BBC radio this Christmas.

Tony Hancock's show, recently rediscovered in a BBC vault, was last broadcast in 1962. It features a seasonally dressed Tony Hancock shattering Bill Kerr's belief in Santa Claus and will go out on Radio Two.

Libby Purves plays the Good Fairy in *Cinderella* in the first of three pantomimes all on Radio Four. Also in the cast are Tim Brooke-Taylor and Graeme Carden as the ugly sisters, Helen Atkinson-Wood in the title role, and Nicholas Parsons as Prince Charming.

Woman's Hour and *Today* presenter Sue Macgregor joins Peter Jones and Barry Took in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and John Timpson and Margaret Howard play the king and queen in *Rumplestiltskin*.

With Brian Redhead as the queen's north country dad, Richard Baker as Pardon, the butler, and Nigel Rees in the title role.

Other Christmas highlights include *Peace, Brotherly Love and a Punch in the Mouth* with words and music by Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern, which also features husband and wife Judy Bennett and Charles Collingwood, Shula Archer and Brian in *The Archers*.

The Queen will broadcast to the Commonwealth on both radio and television on Christmas Day. In Britain the radio broadcast will be transmitted on BBC Radios 1 and 4 at 9.30am and on Radio 2 at 10am, repeated on Radio 4 at 1pm. BBC local radio and World Service and Independent radio will also carry the speech.

The television broadcast will be shown on BBC 1 at 3pm and on BBC 2, with sub-titles and sign language, at 7.20pm. Independent Television will show it at 3pm and Channel 4 at 4.35pm.

Westland cuts 742 jobs

Westland, the Yeovil-based helicopter manufacturer, yesterday announced economy measures designed to save £15 million a year, including making nearly 9 per cent of its workforce redundant.

A total of 742 jobs will be lost, 461 of them at Yeovil and the remainder at plants at Weston-super-Mare, Milton Keynes, and Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

Other cost-cutting measures include a ban on recruiting and a plan to finance company contributions to staff holidays from the Westland staff pension scheme, which the company describes as being "overfunded."

Tyne Bridge by-election

Apathy is the enemy of Labour

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Geordie Taxi driver was not backward in coming forward, as befits his profession's reputation. After offering his interpretation on the local population's attitude to tomorrow's Tyne Bridge by-election, he threw in his voting intentions for good measure.

"People are complacent and are not taking a great deal of interest in politics. I am typical. I have not voted for the last times. I was playing golf which seemed far more important. I don't see any reason to change my habits," he enthused.

Warming to the subject he explained, how as a traditional Labour voter, or rather non-voter, he saw little point in registering a vote when the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

He is, of course, absolutely right – about the result at least. No one in this hard-hit constituency which straddles the River Tyne, least of all the political opponents of Mr David Clelland, the safe Labour candidate, have considered seriously the possibility that he will not be ensconsed in Westminster by next week.

But the taxi driver was unwittingly unaware that with just 24 hours of campaigning to go he is the kind of voter Mr Clelland and Mr Rod Kenyon, the SDP Allinance challenger, are desparate to get through to.

Mr Clelland, leader of Gateshead council, has fought a near faultless campaign and should make a first-class MP, but yesterday even he was reduced to pleading with his party's supports not to stay at home tomorrow.

"Our main problem is convincing people that it is important to come out and vote, not to sit back and feel Labour is going to win anyway if there is something good on the telly to say I won't bother. It is not just enough to win. We have to win well.

Unless Mr Clelland can attract more than 56 per cent of the vote the proportion achieved at the last election by Mr Harry Cowans, whose death caused this contest, the message will not be the one he intends.

Instead, people will wonder why Labour, defending one of its safest seats, cannot, six years after Mrs Thatcher came to power, increase support in a constituency which has been savaged by recession and displays all the disadvantages outlined in this week's Church of England report on inner cities. Nearly 10,000 people are unemployed in Tyne Bridge, half for more than a year.

But apathy is not Mr Clelland's only stumbling block on the doorsteps of the eight wards split between Gateshead and Newcastle. His campaigners admit privately that while there is no Militant Tendency problem locally, the left-wing bogey in the shape of the Derek Hattons of the Labour Party, is definitely putting off some older and traditional supporters.

Mr Denis Healey who with television personality Colin Welland brought a touch of colour and glamour yesterday to an otherwise lacklustre campaign put it this way: "If Arthur Scargill keeps his mouth shut and Derek Hatton and Bernie Grant agree on a suicide pact we will be fine."

After piercing Mr Clelland's defences by showing that the self-proclaimed Kinnockite had not only supported Mr Tony Benn in Labour's deputy leadership battle in 1981, but publicly regretted his defeat at the hands of Mr Healey, Mr Kenyon is playing the left-wing extremism card for all it is worth.

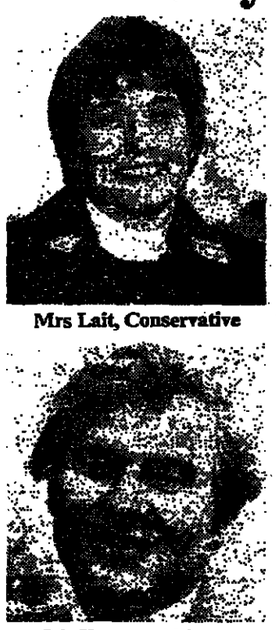
A leaflet contrasting Mr Clelland's claims to be a moderate with his support for Mr Benn and CND membership will drop through letter boxes today.

Also, Mr Kenyon hopes to persuade the apathetic voter to make an effort and vote for him.

As he canvassed the tidy council and private homes in the Dunston ward in Gateshead there was clear evidence he has struck a chord with wavering Labour voters.

Total loyalty, however, among a hard core of electors will see Mr Clelland home.

General election result: Cowans (Lab), 21,127; Crawley (Con), 9,434; Dawson (L/All) 6,852. Lab majority, 11,693.



Mrs Lait, Conservative

Mr Kenyon, Alliance

280 jobs go as Berlei closes two factories

The Berlei underwear company, which last week called in the receiver, is closing two of its Welsh factories, putting 280 people out of work.

Workers at the factories in Merthyr Tydfil and Ebbw Vale were told the factories will shut immediately. Some staff are being kept on at the company's third Welsh factory in Rogerstone and only a handful of employees are being retained at company headquarters in Slough.

Receivers were called in last Friday after the County Bank recalled a loan of £580,000.

A union spokesman at Merthyr Tydfil said: "The news is devastating. The girls just broke down crying when they were told."

The receivers were unavailable for comment.

Second death

Mrs Tamar Ashkanazi, aged 50, died at Billericay Hospital, Essex, yesterday after the arson attack on Monday in Cricklewood north-west London, which killed her husband. Four other people were injured in the fire, which is being treated by Scotland Yard as a double murder.

Correction

Miss Eva Hart, a Titanic survivor, was not telephoned "that morning" by the leader of the salvage team, as stated on November 30. The conversation had taken place earlier when the salvage plans were announced.

Police identify body of murdered boy

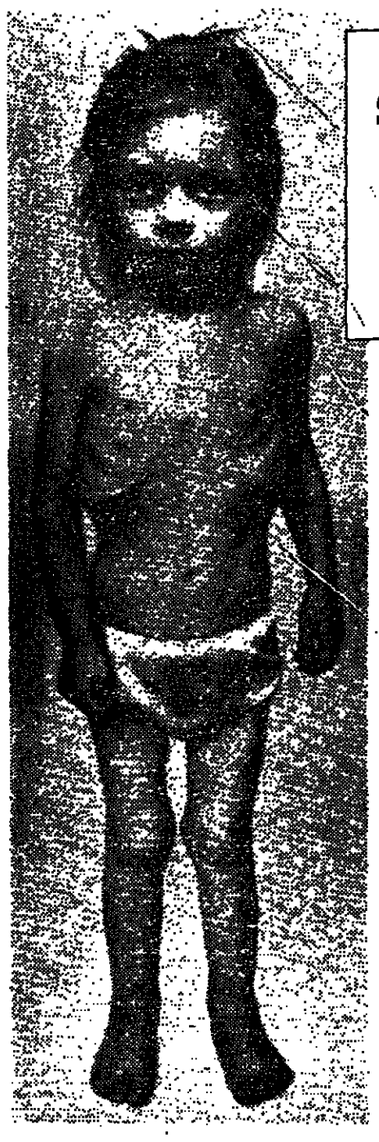
By Michael Horsnell

A murdered boy whose half-naked body was found in a copse near Ongar, Essex, on Saturday, was yesterday identified as Jason Swift, aged 14, from Stoke Newington, north London.

More than 50 police officers are trying to reconstruct the last five months of his life after the schoolboy was reported missing from the Hackney home of his sister, where he was staying, on July 6.

The boy was identified after a search of the national missing persons register at Scotland Yard limited the hunt to about 100 children of similar build and description.

Dept Supt Ken Smith, of Essex Police, said there was evidence that the boy, who was asphyxiated, had been missing from his mother's home several times before and had been homosexually abused in the past.



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Captured drugs total near £100m as heroin seizures increase 45%

Customs officers seized drugs with a street value of almost £100 million at Britain's docks and airports last year, an increase of a third over the year before according to an official report published yesterday.

Seizures of heroin went up by 45 per cent in volume in 1984-1985, although attempted illegal imports of cocaine and cannabis were down, according to the annual report by the Board of Customs and Excise.

The department emphasized yesterday that the level of seizures was not necessarily a reliable guide to the flow of drugs smuggled into the country.

One trend is that the hauls have got bigger but the number of seizures has dropped. A total of 1,674 people were arrested on drug offences, a small rise but the amount of illegal drugs seized by officers has trebled since 1979.

DRUGS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (in kilograms)

	1983-84	1984-85
Heroin	317	218
Cocaine	45	62
Cannabis	28,582	28,330

The growth of the so-called "Nigerian connection", whereby heroin arrives in Europe and North America via Lagos, is worrying officers. However, the main source of heroin remains the Indian subcontinent, particularly Pakistan.

"International co-operation has been further strengthened and a significant number of seizures and arrests both in the UK and abroad were made as a direct result of information supplied by the drugs liaison officer in Pakistan", the report notes.

Most of the 45.3 kilograms of cocaine taken by customs officers was from passengers travelling from South America. The cocaine smugglers are increasingly breaking their flight from South America at another airport, often European, before arriving at Heathrow, London.

Criminals evaded VAT on gold worth £64 million in a number of swindles that came to light only after sustained surveillance and investigation of suspect dealers.

Overall the department's checks at British ports show record revenue, more visitors and more cargo than ever arriving in the country.

Police fail to win drug raid cash

A total of £181,000 seized during the breaking up of a drugs syndicate which the police had wanted to use to help to fight drugs abuse, is to be held by a court because of a legal loophole, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Martin Wilson, QC, for the prosecution, described the loophole as a "legislative mess" at Worcester Crown Court as conspirators in the "Operation Pillow Talk" cannabis smuggling case were sentenced to jail.

The legal wrangle concerns money seized from John Terry, aged 36, the syndicate's main London supplier. He claimed the money came not from drug dealing but had been paid to him to supply arms to a foreign government.

Judge Ward, QC, ruled that he could not order forfeiture under section 27 of the Misuse of Drugs Act because Terry was charged only with conspiring to supply drugs, an offence outside the jurisdiction.

Nor could he order forfeiture under section 43 of the Powers of the Criminal Courts Act because the money was seized by the police with a warrant for Terry's brother, Philip, aged 22, the day before Terry himself was arrested.

The court was told that Philip Terry had fled abroad. The judge ordered that the money should be held under the control of the court to be used as an exhibit if he is ever brought to trial.

Judge Ward ordered that £393,000 in cash seized from Barry Humphreys, aged 42, should be paid into central funds. He also ordered the destruction of 1.25 tons of cannabis resin seized from Humphreys.

John Terry, who is already serving a three-year term for burglary, was jailed for 10 years, Humphreys, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, was jailed for six years, and David Fenton, aged 36, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, the organization's chief man in Britain, was jailed for eight years.

The judge said the main "authors" of the conspiracy, in which cannabis worth millions of pounds was smuggled into Britain, were not in court. "They could not have functioned without their creatures here today.

Mr Wilson told the court that the police wanted to use the confiscated money to buy equimpment to help investigate future drugs cases and to help set up a rehabilitation scheme for young drug offenders.

Held in custody

Paul Moss, aged 35, unemployed of Greenford Road, Greenford, London, was yesterday remanded in custody until December 11 at Dover charged with smuggling into Britain cocaine valued at more than £2 million.

Detective in Jarrett raid 'feared attack'

By Rupert Morris

A detective told the jury at the inquest on Mrs Cynthia Jarrett yesterday how he had called off the search of her home when she collapsed as he was afraid that her son Michael or daughter Patricia might attack him with a knife.

Det Con Michael Randall is alleged to have pushed Mrs Jarrett to the floor during the search. Her death from heart failure triggered the riot in Tottenham, north London.

Yesterday, DC Randall told the court: "I remember looking through Patricia and Michael's shoulders to see Mrs Jarrett getting up. She didn't get far, then flopped to the right hand side of the floor.

"Patricia and Michael went berserk, shouting and screaming and very violent. I was very frightened they would go back into the kitchen and get a knife."

DC Randall called an ambulance on a police radio, then Michael Jarrett rushed out of the house to telephone from a neighbour's house. The officer's offers of help were refused by Patricia.

DC Randall said: "When Michael Jarrett came back after about one minute, he came running up towards me; I thought he was going to head butt me; I got out of the way. He said: "If anything happens to my mum, you're dead'." After a few minutes DC Randall said that Patricia and Michael's attitude changed: they became "very worried" and he was allowed back in where he attempted to give cardiac massage.

Cross-examined by Mr Geoffrey Robertson, representing Floyd Jarrett, another of Mrs Jarrett's sons, DC Randall said it was "not true" that he had pushed Mrs Jarrett and "ludicrous" to suggest that he had carried on searching while she lay on the ground, as alleged by Patricia.

The hearing continues today.



The Prince of Wales at yesterday's conference in London

Prince backs the hospice for dying movement

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Society has lost its way in its attitude towards death and the dying, the Prince of Wales said yesterday. Opening a conference on care of the dying, he firmly backed the growing hospice movement.

Society no longer saw death as a natural part of life but tended instead to "push death away" as "something to be spoken about only in hushed voices, something to be dreaded and shunned", he said.

"The great hospitals" he told an audience of 1,200 in London at a joint Department of Health and National Association of Heath Authorities conference, "admirably geared as they are to preserving the physical processes of life, have helped to shut the individual away from living communication with family and friends, making it harder to enact that final, necessary drama of life, in which both patient and loved ones can face the transmission together, bound in a special expression of love".

In recent years, however, with the growth of the hospice movement, specialized and often voluntary-based home nursing services for the dying, "we have witnessed the growth of a countervailing movement based on an appreciation of the totality of human life. It is no accident that it has been centred on women, for the great values which have gone missing, the values of the heart and the soul, are essentially feminine values."

The growing partnership between the voluntary sector and the health service through hospices and terminal-care teams had to be development, he said.

"In a few respects has the human race more obviously lost its way than in its changing attitude to death. Here at least is the way back to sanity".

It was rare now for someone brought up in the contemporary world to have seen a dead person, much less to have kept company with a dying one.

"Yet there are much older people who can remember how as children they were often woken at night, dressed in a hurry by candlelight, to be driven with the rest of the family, sometimes many miles, so they could all stand around the bed and be with someone who was dying at his end. It never happened in families that a sister, mother or father died without the whole family, including the intimate servants, being at the death bed".

Mycock story 'dreamt up in my living room'

A woman told the Court of Appeal yesterday she felt terrible after watching a BBC television *Rough Justice* programme on Anthony Mycock, who is serving a five-year sentence for aggravated burglary.

"I felt as though the whole thing had been performed in my living room, dreamt up by a girl who can only be described as a schizophrenic", Mrs Janet Smeaton said referring to Miss Anne Fitzpatrick, aged 31, whose evidence led to Mr Mycock's conviction.

Mrs Smeaton, who runs a fish and chip shop with her husband, William, in Nigel Road, Moston, Manchester, told the court she tried to telephone *Rough Justice* but could not get through. She rang *The Daily Mirror* and was put in touch with Mr Mycock's solicitor.

She described Miss Fitzpatrick as unreliable to Mycock's counsel, Mr John Price, QC.

Mycock, aged 32 and a father of three, was convicted at Manchester Crown Court in October 1983. But during a *Rough Justice* broadcast in October Miss Fitzpatrick retracted her evidence and said the crime was a figment of her imagination.

Mrs Smeaton said Mis Fitzpatrick turned up in her shop a few days after the robbery in a distressed state.

After inviting her into the living room Miss Fitzpatrick suddenly pointed at a photograph that Mrs Smeaton's daughter, Deborah, was putting in a family album. "I heard her say to Deborah: 'Oh my God, that's him'." The photograph showed a group of youngsters, including Wayne Mycock, Anthony's brother.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Computers becoming 'boys' toys'

By Robin Young

Home computers may be becoming exclusively boys' toys according to Dr Wendy Keys, the senior research officer for the National Foundation for Education Research.

Dr Keys discovered that when 14-year-olds were asked whether there was a computer in the home nearly twice as many boys as girls answered "yes". More than half the boys (51 per cent) knew of a computer in their home, compared with only just over a quarter (27 per cent) of girls.

"Many of these girls will be at a disadvantage if they wish to follow a scientific or technical career", Dr Keys told the foundation's conference in London yesterday.

Her research confirmed that girls were still not generally as good as boys at science subjects. As they get older fewer girls than boys study science, and the proportion of pupils taught science by women drops as the pupil grows older.

Dr Keys said it was important to know why girls turned away from science subjects between the ages of 10 and 14, and to know why more boys than girls used computers at home.

Conception outside marriage up by third

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A one-third increase in conceptions outside marriage in the 10 years since 1973 was reported yesterday. The rise between 1981 and 1983 alone was 10 per cent, to a total of 236,000, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

The office said 17 per cent of all conceptions end in abortion. The top figure is 57 per cent for girls under 16 and 47 per cent for women aged 40 and over.

Although the rate of conceptions leading to birth for women aged 15-44 fell by 14 per cent between 1973 and 1983, the abortion rate rose by 3 per cent.

There has also been a big increase in the proportion of illegitimate births. In 1973, unmarried conceptions were about the same as illegitimate births (32 per cent). Legitimate births after marriage led to a 31 per cent conception rate and an abortion rate of 37 per cent.

By 1983, however, the proportion of conceptions outside marriage leading to illegitimate births had increased to 45 per cent.

The proportion of illegitimate births joinly registered by both parents is often cited to show the trend in extra-marital births which occur in stable unions.

UK BIRTH

Year of conception (all ages)	Total number of conception (000)	Percentage of all conceptions: Inside marriage	Outside marriage	Percentage of all conceptions: leading to maternities	terminated by abortions
1969	832.8	79.7	20.3	93.5	6.5
1970	876.9	78.8	21.2	90.8	9.2
1971	835.5	77.7	22.3	88.2	11.8
1972	801.0	77.1	22.9	86.1	13.9
1973	762.1	76.9	23.1	85.4	14.6
1974	724.3	76.9	23.1	84.8	15.2
1975	693.3	76.8	23.2	84.7	15.3
1976	671.6	76.8	23.2	84.5	15.5
1977	686.4	76.2	23.8	84.8	15.2
1978	747.9	75.4	24.6	84.5	15.5
1979	774.1	37.7	26.3	83.8	16.2
1980	785.0	72.7	27.3	83.5	16.5
1981	752.3	71.5	28.5	82.9	17.1
1982	755.3	70.0	30.0	83.0	17.0
1983	753.4	68.8	31.4	83.0	17.0

House price increases 'to stay at 8% next year'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices increased by 8.2 per cent during the year to November, compared with October's 8.4 per cent, according to the Halifax Building Society's house price index, announced yesterday.

The increase of nearly 3 per cent during the three months to November 30 confirms the strengthening in prices, reflecting the impact of mortgage rate cuts, which raise activity while cutting the cost of living.

"But there are no signs that house prices are taking off or that the recent increase in private sector liquidity, following rapid money supply growth, is spilling over into the housing market," the Halifax said.

House price inflation for first-time buyers and former owner-occupiers was little changed in November, at 8.1 per cent and 9.1 per cent respectively, giving an average house price for first-time buyers of £25,840 and previous owner-occupiers of £41,160.

The society said that activity remained buoyant last month, with demand for mortgages relatively high for this time of year because postponed sales were being transacted.

Estate agents are reporting fewer houses coming onto the market, bringing the traditional Christmas lull, but the Halifax believes that demand should remain high next year, supported by strong growth in real earnings. It forecasts house price inflation staying at about 8 per cent to 8.5 per cent during the next 12 months.

Champagne hit by the severe weather

Champagne prices are likely to rise by 7 per cent by the end of the year, M Jean Pierard, head of the Comité Interprofessionel du Vin de Champagne, the trade association, said yesterday.

M Pierard expected the increases to apply largely to the smaller champagne houses, rather than to the better-known brands, however. Champagne producers have suffered badly this year from the winter, and production is expected to be down by a quarter, to 150 million bottles.

Britain took the main share of the exports with 11 million bottles, making it the world's number one champagne importer. The United States which used to hold that title, imported a mere 9.9 million bottles in the first nine months

Pope to fulfil royal couple's wish

By Alan Hamilton

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent are to have a private audience of Pope John Paul II on Monday, seven years after the Vatican refused the couple permission to marry in a Roman Catholic church.

They will fly to Rome at the weekend, and will meet the Pope in strict privacy. Their private secretary, Colonel Michael Farmer, said that the Prince and Princess had wanted the meeting for a long time.

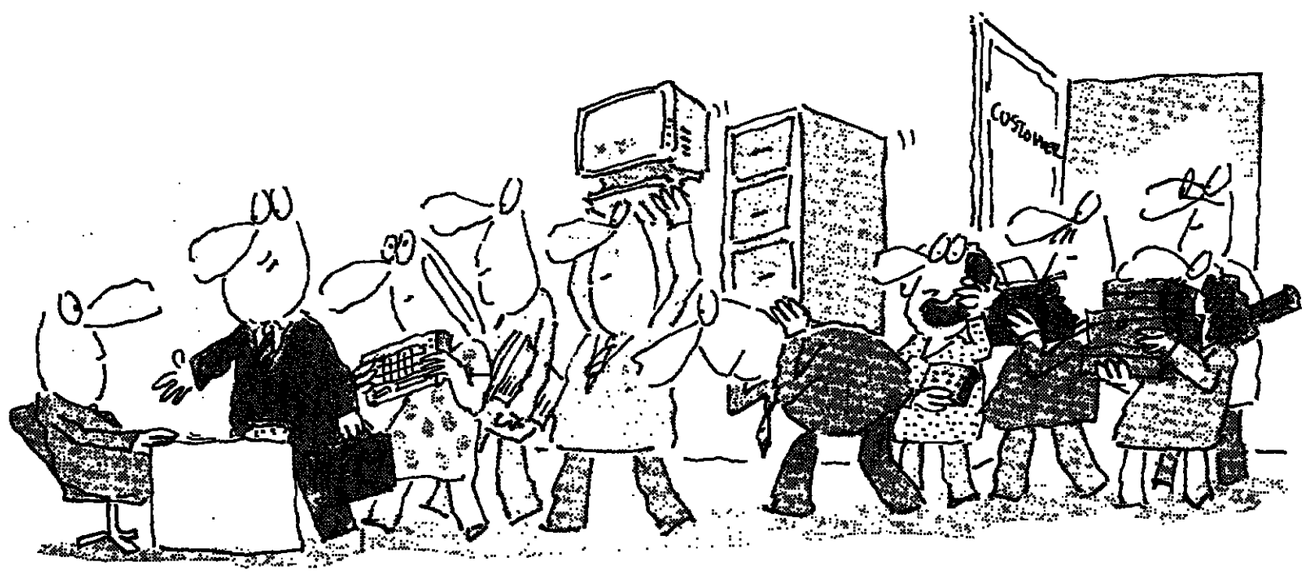
As Prince Michael had renounced his right of succession to the throne, and because there is no indication that the couple will join the Pope at Mass, the meeting is controversy than the Prince of Wales's frustrated plans to attend early morning Mass in the Pope's private chapel during the royal tour of Italy earlier this year.

The meeting will set the final seal of approval on a mixed marriage that was beset with religious and constitutional difficulties when it took place at a civil ceremony in Vienna town hall in 1978.

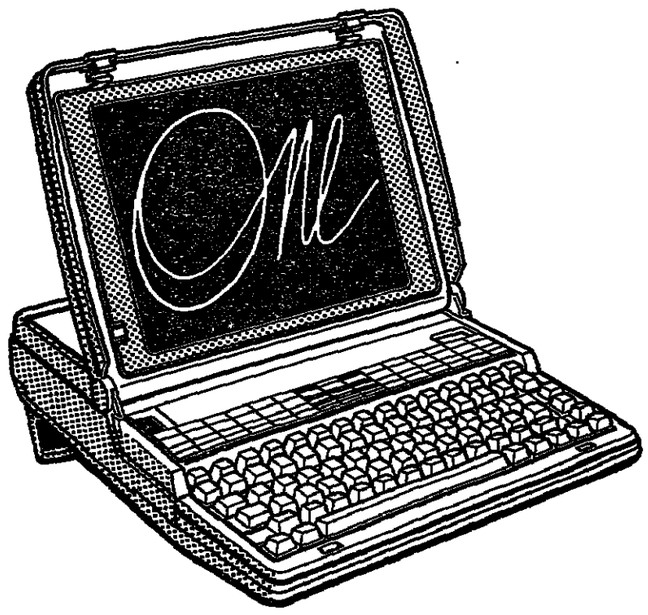
Princess Michael's previous marriage to Mr Tom Troubridge, an English merchant banker and an Anglican, had been ended by a civil divorce in England, and the Princess, a devout and still practising Roman Catholic, had been granted an annulment by the Vatican.

Annulment would normally have cleard the way to remarriage in a Roman Catholic church, the Vatican refused permission because Prince Michael, cousin of the Queen who is head of the Church of England, insisted that any children of is marriage to Princess Michael be raised in the Anglican faith, to avoid embarrassing the Queen and to ensure that they retained their places in line of succession to the throne.

The Archbishop of Canterbury blessed the marriage almost immediately, but the Vatican did not relent until 1983.



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Church authors told to take one more step and cost proposals

INNER CITIES

The authors of the Church of England report *Faith in the City* should have costed their proposals, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said in the Commons when answering questions in Mrs Thatcher's absence.

He denied suggestions that the Government had rubbished the report, of which he was no fan, but said the composition of the church's commission which compiled it helped explain its quality.

Opening the exchanges, Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, asked: Those of us who have seen the advanced text of the Church of England report, to be published later tonight, are simply appalled at the rubbishing anonymously given to it over the weekend. We welcome any contribution to these intractable problems which come from this source.

Mr Biffen: I repudiate at once and entirely the proposition that this report was rubbished by the Government. (Protests) The House would be well advised to treat this report, as it purports to be, as a serious contribution to the problems in our city centres.

We know from the Bishop of Liverpool (the Rt Rev David Sheppard), one of the authors, that it is a substantial and carefully researched report by people who know a good deal about the cities.

I would like to make a contribution to the debate by asking that that research be carried just one step further so we know what are the estimated total public costs of the proposals and to what extent they may be offset by the abolition of mortgage rate tax relief.

Dr Brian Mawhinney (Peterborough, C): As a member of the General Synod, I would hesitate to approach Mr Biffen and his colleagues in the Downing Street cabinet for spiritual guidance. (Laughter).

But, as a member of this House, I have no intention of seeking political guidance from the cabinet of Canterbury. However well intentioned they may be, it seems to me they are short on reality and history and, above all, on theology.

Mr Biffen: I congratulate him on his perception of the limitations of the Treasury bench as far as what they can answer. (Laughter).

He is quite right in entertaining the anxieties he does, but I hope I may be permitted to say that the Prime Minister why she keeps on recommending to the Queen all these old Marxists for appointments to bishoprics? (Loud laughter).



Rees: Why does PM recommend all these marxists to bishoprics?

Mr Biffen: I hope it will not infringe the spirit of the occasion if I take the question seriously. The composition of the commission certainly helps explain the quality of the report.

It is neither smear nor innuendo to observe that many of these people have long and distinguished careers in the public service where they have never hesitated to indicate where the balance of their judgements lay.

As to the apppointment of bishops, a great many words are spoken, some in mirth and some in passion, on this topic at the moment, but I hope we will think very seriously before we think of disturbing the present relationship between the state and the Church of England.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): When people see ministers trying to smear and discredit the Church of England's report they are reminded of Nixon-style politics.

Does not the report itself largely bear out the words of Mr Edward Heath that, no matter what the publicity or propaganda, there is no evidence whatsoever that Britain is booming?

Mr Biffen: I am not among the most devoted fans for the commission's report, but even I would say it needed better friends than Mr Winnick. (Laughter.)

This report is seeking a serious and sustained debate about how we may use our resources in the city centres to mitigate the clear social problems there and to what extent there can be a partnership between private initiative and collective responsibility. It would be better if we left it in those terms.

Church through the ages has sought to interest itself in social affairs but if it does so, it has to accept that it will be judged in its contribution to the arguments by the quality it conveys to that argument.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab): In view of the denigration made of the authors of the report, will he find out from the

Growing demands for reform of the licensing laws

TOURISM

There was great pressure for reform of the licensing laws from everyone interested in employment in tourism and this was a matter the Government, and particularly the Home Secretary, had under urgent review, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General and chief Commons spokesman on employment, said during question time.

He also indicated that the total funding of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board would rise by 20 per cent next year to £40 million. The two boards had been asked to tell him before Christmas how they planned to spend the money.

He had asked them to give additional emphasis in their new plans to improving job opportunities, encouraging the dispersal of visitors throughout the United Kingdom and extending the tourist season.

It was difficult to define tourist industries precisely and various studies had suggested that 1 to 1.5 million jobs were supported directly or indirectly by tourist spending.

Mr Robert Banks (Harrogate, C): Will he lose no opportunities to scotch the ridiculous suggestion that jobs in this industry are not every bit as good as those in other industries and that they are in some way servile?

More than 90 per cent of people in the youth training scheme courses got jobs at the end of it and there are vacancies in this area.

Mr Clarke: I am happy to agree with him. Certainly there are serious jobs to be had in the industries most directly affected and many sectors such as retailing and public transport also benefit from increased tourist spending and activity.

Because this is one of the fastest growing areas of new employment, there is a high success rate for those who come out of training schemes.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C): This welcome trend will be much faster accelerated if we were to introduce flexible licensing hours. Would he give an assurance to this House that he at any rate in Cabinet will be urging as quickly as possible implementation of this desirable change?

Mr Clarke: My own views are rather clear. Many years ago Mr Lawrence supported my private member's Bill which sought to achieve that. Certainly anybody responsible for tourism and leisure-based industries knows that there is great pressure for reform by everyone interested in employment in this area.

Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C): Does Mr Clarke feel there should be any change in emphasis in the regions where new tourist board resources should be deployed?

Mr Clarke: We have to look at those parts of the country, by no means all in the north, where there is potential for increasing tourism and providing more tourist and leisure pursuits.

One of the points I have asked the boards to concentrate on in putting forward their proposals is encouraging the dispersal of visitors throughout the UK.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): Before Mr Clarke waxes too lyrical, is he aware that these are often low-tech and very low-wage jobs and that the situation is likely to be worsened by the Government's proposals for wages councils?

Mr Clarke: There is a tendency in manufacturing industry for a declining number of unskilled jobs so it is encouraging that some of the jobs are for unskilled or less-skilled people. Nevertheless there are a lot of other skilled jobs as well and the benefit of increased spending by visitors of 22 per cent last year is spread over a wide range of activity and a wide range of employment opportunities.

Reflective study of report

CHILD ABUSE

Calls for Government action following the inquiry report on the death of Jasmine Beckford, aged four, who was battered to death by her stepfather, were made in the Commons.

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, answering for the Prime Minister who was in Luxembourg, said the report's recommendations would have to be studied.

The matter was raised by Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) asked if there were any plans to introduce child care legislation, updating the 1969 Children and Young Persons' Act and once again laying responsibility on magistrates and others to emphasize the interests of the child, even though from time to time that might inevitably lead to the break-up of a family.

Mr Biffen said Mr McCrindle had expressed deep anxiety, which would be widely shared, in the light of the tragic circumstances revealed by the Blom-Cooper report.

It would be wise to have a thorough and reflective study of the recommendations and then see what further Government action might be necessary, he said.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: I echo Mr McCrindle's view and take some comfort from the fact that clearly this is a matter of concern right across the House and that there are no political differences.

Would Mr Biffen give an understanding that there will be effective steps to clarify the law as it affects children at risk and that the Government would not proceed with any proposals from the Department of Education and Science to make a cut in training and retraining provision for social workers?

Can we look forward (he added) to immediate and necessary action which falls within the general requirements of the Government and their responsibility for promoting the best practice to try to ensure against repetitions of the horrors like those suffered by little Jasmine Beckford?

Mr Biffen said the report would be immediately studied by ministers who would take up the wider issues Mr Kinnock had indicated.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said they welcomed the fact that the Government would give clear and reflective study to the report.

Neighbourhood watch scheme a success

The neighbourhood watch scheme had proved a success, Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in the House of Lords when answering a question on measures taken by the Government to prevent burglary.

In January this year, he said, there had been 3,000 neighbourhood watch schemes througout the country and there were now some 7,200.

Crime prevention is a matter for all sections of the community (he said) and the Government sees a role for the building industry, architects and planners in providing more secure property, and the insurance industry who could ensure house insurance policy holders improved security through the introduction of premium differentials.

Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab): The last time I was burgled I was having an after lunch nap. The burglar came in through the kitchen skylight, walked through the room where I was napping, removed my notecase and went about his business and the police said he did not leave a clue.

Lord Glenarthur: That points more to the dangers of sleeping after lunch

No pressure to employ black staff

ETHNIC MINORITIES

No proposals had been put forward to pressurize employers to take on more black workers, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, asserted during questions in the Commons. He added that fears about a white backlash to such proposals were probably much exaggerated.

He was replying to Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South West, C) who said the minister would damage black unemployed people by his proposals for positive discrimination which made them objects of resentment.

Libertarians everywhere (he added) will know there is no law to justify pressure being put on employers to take extra black people into their employment.

When employers tell the Government to mind its own business, there will be widespread support for them from Conservative MPs.

Mr Clarke: If I had any proposals for positive discrimination I would be concerned by Mr Budgen's strictures. But I am not aware that we have put forward any such proposal.

We are concerned about the state of the economy, in the inner cities in particular. We have to make sure no section of the community is disadvantaged when taking measures to improve employment. But his fears about taking steps that will excite a white backlash are probably much exaggerated.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent South, Lab) asked Mr Clarke to do something about the number of unemployed school-leavers in the inner cities and referred to the "excellent report" from the Church of England.

Mr Clarke: I do not believe there is anybody who is not seriously concerned about the state of the inner cities. The (Church of England) report does contain a number of inaccuracies which one would expect from its rather left-wing membership. (Conservative laughter and Labour interruptions).

For example, it candidly asserts at one stage that the only programme for the inner cities where the Government has increased expenditure is police expenditure whereas the allocation on employment and training has doubled since 1979.

● When Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) asked what further consideration had been given to compulsory quotas as a means of overcoming racial discrimination among young people, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written Commons answer, said: None.

He added that under the Race Relations Act 1976 any racial discrimination over employment was unlawful. The Home Office had no plans to amend the law in this respect.

Protest over race courses

Leicester City Council employees had been threatened with dismissal or non-promotion unless they attended racial awareness courses and that was a gross intrusion into their private lives and a gross impertinence by the council, Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) said in the Commons.

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, answering questions in the absence of the Prime Minister, said the situation sounded thoroughly disturbing because of the undue pressure it seemed was being operated.

Tax cuts for low paid would reward work

EMPLOYMENT

Tax cuts concentrated on the lower paid would do much to increase rewards for work, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, and chief Government spokesman on employment, said in the Commons. He was replying to a Conservative complaint that the tax and benefit structure discouraged people on benefit from taking some jobs.

The exchanges at question time were opened by Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) who asked for a statement on the estimated effects on employment of the autumn statement.

Mr Clarke: The proposals in the autumn statement will further improve the climate for economic growth and new jobs in England and Wales, and in Scotland.

Mr Hamilton: Why is he so shy of giving any kind of estimate of the effect on employment of the autumn statement?

Since we have the miracle of creating more unemployment in Britain since 1930, why does he not state explicitly and give a promise that as a result of the autumn statement, 12 months or even two years hence, there will be less unemployment?

Mr Clarke: I have already referred to the daily growth in jobs in the British economy. All we are doing is designed to reinforce that. The autumn statement is intended to finance the job start scheme. There is an expansion of employment in the economy.

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C): Much remains to be done as exemplified by the fact that although there is no shortage of jobs in my constituency, many unemployed may be afraid to take them because of the tax and benefit structure. Subsequent financial statements should give highest priority to ironing out those anomalies.

Mr Clarke: The Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr Norman Fowler) has put forward worthwhile proposals to open the gap between earnings in work and benefit out of work and further tax cuts concentrated on the lower paid do much to increase rewards for work. The initiative for the job start scheme will enable people to make the transition from benefit to work.

Ms Clare Short an Opposition spokesman on employment: He cannot fool the people by fiddling the figures.

The autumn statement makes clear that the Government expects no real growth in jobs.

Mr Clarke: It is absurd to say we are fiddling figures.

Minister to meet councils on grant allocations

SCOTTISH RATES

If all Scottish local authorities spent at Government guidelines it would be possible for rates to be reduced this year and not increased, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons when announcing the aggregate Exchequer grant for Scotland for 1986-87 would be £2,005 million, a cash increase of £43 million over the final grant figure for 1985-86.

On the basis of present estimates of loan charges the grant figure of £2,005 million would mean a reduction in the grant percentage from 57.7 per cent this year to a provisional figure of about 56.1 per cent in 1986-87.

This continued the pressure on authorities to reduce their expenditure and come into line with Government plans.

Expenditure above guidelines pushed up rates and grant penalties both of which would have to be financed by ratepayers. He hoped all authorities would bear in mind the effect of high expenditure on ratepayers when considering their budgets for next year.

He would be consulting the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in two weeks time on the division of the grant into its usual elements and on its distribution among authorities.

Special relief to mitigate the effects of the revaluation on domestic and commercial ratepayers would continue for 1986-87 but at a rate of 75 per cent. The maximum relief on any one property would be £7,500 and the cost of the relief in 1986-87 would be about £20 million.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said this was an all too typical example of Mr Younger's stewardship, an inadequate cash increase and in effect a substantial cut in real terms. The grant was rising this year by only 2.2 per cent, well short of even the most optimistic inflation forecast from the Government.

This was another piece of bullying, increasing the pressure for reduction in services and reduction in jobs. There was no good news here for those who believed in local democracy

It was thoroughly bad news for anyone interested in a decent level of local authority services.

Later, Mr Younger said on rating reform, the Government was on course for what he had undertaken to do – introduce proposals around the turn of the year.

Redundancies at Westlands

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) failed to get an emergency debate in the Commons in the Commons on the 750 redundancies announced at Westlands, the helicopter manufacturers, most of which would be in his constituency.

Mr Ashdown said unless there was a change of Government attitude and policy a series of redundancies could follow. It was ironic thwat Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was now rushing around Europe asking other countries to help rescue the company when he himself had refused to do so. The result would be a foreign representative on the board of Westlands.

Report's scant justice to achievement of manufacturers

OVERSEAS TRADE

The Select Committee on Overseas Trade had concluded decisively that there was a problem so serious that not to start solving it at once was to risk a major social and economic crisis in the foreseeable future, Lord Aldington (C) said on opening in the House of Lords a debate on the report of the committee of which he is chairman.

We cannot (he went on) leave the nation's future to an imaginary auto-pilot. We have fallen behind in world competition and we have to seize control to catch up. So we call for urgent action.

The committee sought to point the way rather than produce a detailed positive plan. All its recommendations were directed to make manufacturing more competitive. Increased government spending was only recommended to match the help given to competitors by other governments or in the case of the infrastructure, to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

We put first (he continued) the need for a change in the attitude of our nation towards manufacturing and those who work in it. Manufacturing must be given a higher priority both by government and by private people.

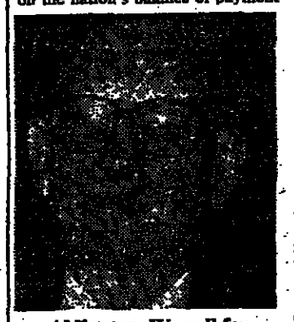
Manufacturing output in Britain went on increasing until 1973. After some ups and downs it was nearly 12 per cent lower in 1984 than it was in 1973 despite the two previous years of recovery. In the rest of the European Community, America and Japan it was substantially higher last year than in 1973.

The lack of competitiveness (he said) is responsible both for the decline in our share of world trade and for the increase in imports of manufactured goods. We cannot sustain a growing industry unless it is competitive in the world and cannot repel import penetration unless output grows substantially.

Lord Bruce of Donington, Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said the report had been thoughtful, moderate and factual. Consensus in Government circles had become a dirty word, as if meant a blurring of the issues.

The all-party document revealed how sensible men getting around the table could produce a report of considerable inciseveness, incisive enough to incur a pre-emptive effort by the Government to denigrate it.

The report should be set in its proper context of a non-oil deficit on the nation's balance of payment



Aldington: We call for urgent action

in the past two years of £11,000 million and a report by the Shell company that output of oil within six years would progressively decrease to a point where the United Kingdom was no longer self-sufficient.

There was also the appalling fact that between three and five million people were unemployed, denied any purpose in life, dreams and hopes. Simultaneously, the rich were getting richer and the poor, poorer.

Any solution would mean a total change of attitude, not only by the people but by the Government. At present the Government was battening itself down into the bunker hoping something might happen while indulging in a frenzied sale of public assets in order to balance the books, and secure some benefit in any future election.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said there was much in the select committee's analysis and recommendations with which the Government unreservedly agreed but it did have misgivings about some parts.

The Government agreed on the need for a change of national attitude and that prosperity depended on the success of industry. It also agreed with the need for improved competitiveness, for a consistent policy towards industry, for support of innovation, the need to attract higher quality entrants into industry, the need for more investment, and the importance of increasing output by increasing exports through successful competition with overseas rivals.

But the report did not emphasize enough what had already been done and gave too much emphasis to problems which the Government regarded as important but not catastrophic.

I have to part company with the committee (he said) when they foresee a grave threat to the standard of living and the economic and political stability of the nation unless the Government intervenes to ensure the manufacturing base is stimulated in the export of manufactured goods.

That did scant justice to the achievements of manufacturers. Manufacturing production was up 31 per cent since 1981, output had increased 11 per cent in the same period and investment was up 15 per cent last year and a further substantial increase was expected in the current year.

The nation had to recognize that enterprise was the well spring of prosperity. The solution lay not in discriminating in favour of manufacturing but in increasing the competitiveness and adaptability of the whole economy.

Lord Ezra (L) said the nation was suffering from diminished competitiveness to which there was no magic solution, but it was not enough to say that it would be solved by getting wages costs per unit of production down. That was an important element but there were many others and all needed to be taken into account.

He had been appalled in recent times at the constant reduction in the relatively limited amount of funds provided to the British Overseas Trade Board. Britain was falling behind in exhibiting its products abroad.

Lord Clitherow (C), in a maiden speech, said the key to the problem lay overwhelmingly in the recommendations which referred to the need for a change of national attitude. On the whole the severe shake-out industry had suffered over recent years was probably helping rather than otherwise if for no other reason than that it had swept away a lot of illusions.

This country's industrial management, unlike that of its competitors, had always been at the bottom of the pecking order of esteem. It had not been a magnet for people of highest potential. Public regard for industry in general was at an all-time low and there was a need to regenerate pride in it.

Lord Plowden (Ind) said many more of the best and brightest school leavers must be recruited if the decline of manufacturing industry was to be arrested and reversed. This called for much more contact between industry and the schools and the young people in them.

Lord Hanson (C) said one major way of restoring manufacturing competitiveness which the Government was actively pursuing was to place these industries in the private sector where they belonged.

Lord Greenhill of Harrow (Ind) said ministers' immediate reaction to their report was a good example of adversarial politics. There was nothing automatic about the ecovery of manufacturing industry as oil declined. The fall in industrial export earnings could not be fully replaced by service industriejs, whose achievements must be applauded and acknowledged. The logical conclusion of this was the standard of living would be put at risk.

The timescale might be a matter of debate but they must prepare themselves for consistent policy not only for the immediate future but for the longer term.

Throwing pounds at problems not the answer

THE REGIONS

An attack on the Prince of Wales for his statement criticizing workers in the north of England was made by Mr Jack Dormand, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, speaking for the Opposition in a Commons debate on the problems of the northern region.

The Prince of Wales, in his recent statement on the so-called northern employee attitude (Mr Dormand said) could not have been more wrong. And it ill-becomes someone in such a comfortable position to be presenting such an inaccurate picture.

Our greatest resource is our people. They are responsible, proud and hard working. All they ask is the opportunity to show those qualities in full measure.

In a modern society it is not unreasonable to expect to have a job, live in a decent house in a pleasant environment and to benefit fully from the education service and rely on the health service. The northern region is being denied those basic rights.

It was not surprising that the Tories had such meagre support in the north. If they refused to recognize the reality, refused to change direction and ignored pleas from the Opposition, the Conservatives should not be surprised when they got even less support in the future.

Mr Dormand was moving an Opposition motion condemning Government policies which had brought to the northern region the highest unemployment rate in the United Kingdom outside Northern Ireland.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, moved the Government amendment endorsing Government policies which had taken into account the problems in creating the proper basis for sustainable growth and thus lower levels of unemployment generally.

He said that if the solution to the region's problems had been simply pumping money into the region, the problems would have been solved a long time ago.

Throwing pounds at problems (he said) is not the simple answer the Bishop of Liverpool and Sir Richard O'Brien would like you to believe.

Mr Morrison: In my capacity as Minister of State for Employment I had to deal with both and was not surprised at their proposals today, as throwing pounds at problems is something they have been in the business of doing for some time.

He had always believed that the basis for a sound economy in any part of the country was a relatively well-developed small firm sector and because there had been much reliance in the Northern Region on public sector companies, the small firm sector was relatively undeveloped there.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said the Alliance wanted regional government. Meanwhile, a northern development agency should be created as a first step towards shifting decision-making from Westminster and Whitehall to the region.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 208 votes to 182 – Government majority, 26, and the Government amendment agreed.

Sunday trading

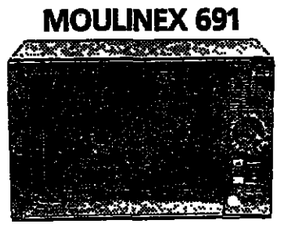
The Government has a majority of 56 at the end of yesterday's eight-hour debate on the Shops Bill which dergulates shop opening hours. An amendment to the second reading motion, moved by the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr Hugh Montefiore) to rationalise the law on Sunday trading was rejected by 141 votes to 85 and the Bill read a second time.

● In the Commons, the Dockyard Services Bill, which introduces commercial management into the Devonport and Rosyth dockyards was read a second time by 257 votes to 171 – Government majority, 86.

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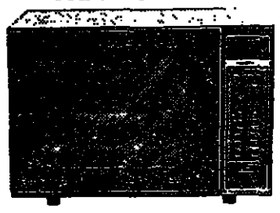
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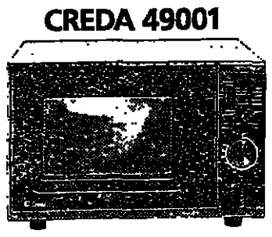
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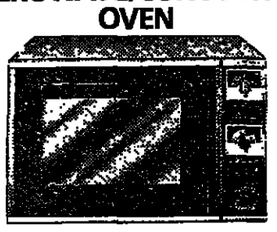
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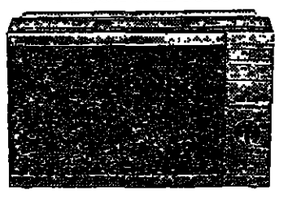
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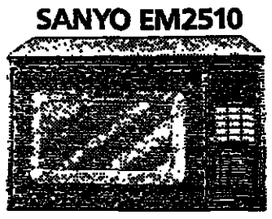
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Aids unit to be set up for prisons

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A special unit to deal with Aids in the prison system is to be set up at Brixton, isolated from the rest of the jail hospital. Another is planned for the north of England.

The disclosure, by the BBC 2 law programme *Out of Court* tonight, comes after a visit by Dr Patrick Hynes, deputy director of prison medical services, to Sing Sing, the maximum security prison for New York.

"We are approximately three years behind the United States," he told *The Times*. "If one looks back three years, one has approximately the same number of people suffering from Aids in the US in the general population as we do now."

At the end of October there were 241 cases of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in England, Wales and Scotland, he said.

There had been one Aids case in the prison system, but he died in an outside hospital. Mr Ian Thompson, assistant governor of Wormwood Scrubs prison, told the inquest in October on Claudio Giacatto, the first drug user in Britain to die of the disease, that the jail could not cope with Aids victims.

Facilities at Wormwood Scrubs were woefully inadequate to deal with victims, he said. "They are isolated and we attempt to get people into outside hospitals."

Prisoners carrying the virus but who had not developed the syndrome were put into single cells or with another sufferer. People shown to have been in contact with Aids but who do not suffer from it are said to be antibody positive.

The prison system, which had been recording antibody positive prisoners entering jails since March, has found 21 so far; only Claudio Giacatto actually had Aids and died.

Dr Hynes said: "The test does not show whether they are carriers of the virus. It merely shows that they have responded to the virus by producing antibodies. We don't know how many are carriers of the virus. We have no means of testing that. In the United State they have found that about one in 10 of the people who were antibody positive goes on to develop the full Aids illness."

Out of Court will say that 125 inmates in New York State have died of Aids and that the likelihood of having Aids is 17 times greater inside New York's prisons than outside.

Prison concentrates three high risk groups: homosexuals, intravenous drug users and prison tattooists, who may also share needles.

The Brixton unit will be for people who are diagnosed as having Aids, but not requiring the special care that would have to be provided by a National Health Service Hospital. They would need to be protected from germs which were carried by a healthy person but which did not make him ill.

The Brixton unit would be similar to the one in Sing Sing, Dr Hynes said. That contained 12 people in April. *Out of Court* quotes Miss Margaret Wyke, Health administrator, as saying: "Most of the fellows upstairs in the Aids unit call this death row. This is the death sentence for them."

Relax rules on planning, group says

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

Planning rules should be relaxed to enable homes to be turned into small factories, and supermarkets into car showrooms, a property quango told the Government yesterday.

The Property Advisory Group told the Department of the Environment that the planning rules which cover "cats' – meat shops" and "breeders of maggots from putrescible animal matter" as well as homes and factories were out of date.

The group advised ministers to make it easier for premises to be converted from one use to another without planning permission. Its report formed part of the quiet planning revolution which could transform the many shopping streets and housing estates.

The Government's determination to break down planning curbs which restrict the creation of jobs was made clear in the White Paper *Lifting The Burden* published in the summer and in the Queen's Speech to Parliament last month.

The advisory group, which consists of surveyors and property managers, said that planning permission should not be required for householders wishing to use their homes for businesses occupying up to five people including themselves. Such businesses should not create too much pollution or traffic and should not prevent houses from being used as homes.

Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order: Department of the Environment, Distribution Section, Building 3, Victoria Road, South

Jasmine Beckford inquiry

Tighter controls needed to tackle child abuse

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

The inquiry makes a total of 68 recommendations, which include:

- The Department of Health and Social Security should be sent a full report whenever a child in care dies.
- There should be an independent review of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children's link with statutory services. Although the society had no direct involvement in the Beckford case, it officers have a "unique expertise".
- Whenever abused children are reunited with their parents, those under five should be taken at least monthly to child health clinics for checks.
- Every school should designate a staff member to work with social services about every child in care of the local authority or on the child abuse register.
- Greater efforts should be made to recruit black families as prospective foster parents to provide a wider choise of families with which to place black children in care.
- Some councils' policy of banning "trans-racial" fostering – usually the fostering of black children by white foster parents – is opposed. Such a policy, the inquiry says, is in any case almost certainly unlawful.
- More research to refine techniques for predicting which children will remain at risk is "urgently required". An unpublished study by Sheffield University shows, for example, that where a child in a foster home "catches-up" in growth development, as Jasmine did with her foster parents, it is very doubtful whether it is wise to allow an early return home.
- Whenever a child is separated from the parents, a guardian *ad litem* should normally be appointed to safeguard the child's interests. There should be a statutory provision for the guardian to be consulted after care proceedings and before any decision to reunite the child with its family.
- Nothing short of three years' training, for social workers rather than the usual two, is required, with more time spent on developing skills in specialist areas such as child abuse. The legal training of social workers should be reviewed as a high priority.

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Report blames all services in case

By Paul Vallely

Practically every official body involved in the care of Jasmine Beckford, aged four, who was battered to death by her stepfather, must bear some responsibility for her death, which was predictable and preventable, according to the official report of the panel of inquiry published yesterday.

Magistrates exceeded their jurisdiction when Jasmine and her younger sister Louise were committed into ther care of Brent Borough Council.

The primary social worker "lamentably failed" at the key moment. Her supervisor was "grossly negligent".

The health worker involved partook of the same misconceived approach as the social workers.

The doctor at Jasmine's nursery school failed to carry out basic checks on the child.

Brent councillors involved in the supervising committee were responsible for an "inordinate delay in responding to Jasmine's death."

Health, education, and social services authorities, and named individuals are severely criticized in the highly-outspoken report of the committee, chaired by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC.

The 450 page report, not confined to the apportioning of blame, makes 68 recommendations. After presenting the report yesterday to Brent council, Mr Blom-Cooper summarized them: "The time has come to shift the focus of work in the child abuse system from parents to the children."

"Put the child first and if that means doing something that is disliked by the parents, that's what has got to be done."

Legislation was likely in the near future which would incorporate some of the recommendations. Wrong judgments would occur in the future, he said, but the changes would appreciably reduce the area of risk.

The catalogue of errors which led to the death of the child began in September, 1981 at Willesden Juvenile Court. The month before Louise Beckford, aged four months was taken to hospital with a broken arm and damage to her right eye.

Three days later Jasmine was admitted with a broken thigh. The injuries were consistent with physical violence.

At the hearing to place the children in care the magistrates added a rider which the report regards as the crucial mistake.

"Had the magistrates exercised appropriate judicial restraint and refrained from the understandable temptation to pronounce, in the presence of the parents and their legal representatives, their earnest hope that the children would soon be reunited with their parents, it is doubtful whether Jasmine would ever have been returned to her parents' home."

Court officers were remiss in not indicating forcefully to the Bench that such remarks were unhelpful. "Had the local authority not subsequently structured its handling of the children in a manner likely to fulfil the magistrates expressed hope there was a very real possibility that the parents would get the care orders revoked", the report says. From this point there was "a lemming-like movement" towards the girl's death.

"There can be little doubt that by the autumn of 1983 Jasmine and Louise were being exposed daily (even hourly) to physical abuse in the Beckford home" from their educationally sub-normal step father Morris Beckford, while their mother Beverley Lorrington, described as intellectually sub-normal, looked on.

Throughout that year Miss Gun Wahlstrom and her supervisor, Mrs Diane Dietmann, pursued an approach to the family which concentrated on the parents rather than the children. "Miss Wahlstrom's approach to her task was fundamentally flawed, Mrs Dietmann's attitude as the supervisor was no less so ... By her non-intervention she was grossly negligent."

They failed to see that their prime duty was to the children. "At no time did the two workers insist on seeing the children nor did they ensure they were medically examined at the local clinic ... We fear that their attitude in regarding the parents of children in care as the clients, rather than the children in their own right, may be widespread among social workers."

Miss Wahlstrom so regarded the children as mere appendages that in a meticulous record of almost 100 pages of detailed notes in her records there is not a single entry devoted exclusively to Jasmine and Louise, the report says. In 78 visits to the house she saw Jasmine once.

"Miss Wahlstrom lamentably failed to see what was crying out to be seen, namely, a grossly undernourished, limping child who could not conceivably be described by the most undiscerning of visitors, let alone a trained social worker, as "well and happy"." Yet that was the entry recorded in the official files after the child was seen for the last time.

The social worker also failed to inform Jasmine's nursery school that the child was the subject of a care order. In this way she failed to realize the useful monitoring function of a school in such circumstances. Although, subsequently, the school authorities noted erratic attendances which coincide, the report notes, with periods of Jasmine's worst injuries, the teachers were unable to appreciate the absences significance in a child of pre-school age.

But independent checks could have been made and these were inadequate. The report is critical of Dr Peiris, of the Mortimer Road Nursery, who examined the child in a "development check" but did so without reference to the percentile chart of Jasmin's height and weight available in the clinic files.

The report says that Miss Wahlstrom, and the health visitor, Miss Yeng Leong, as the two front-line workers, "must take some personal responsibility for what happened. But in no sense wre wither callous of indifferent to Jasmine's welfare. They had little or no training to qualify them to undertake the task of providing a child protection service, and furthermore they were pitchforked by their superiors, into a speciality of case work with very limited if any knowledge and minimal experience in dealing with child abuse".

The report criticizes their superiors as doing nothing during the winter of 1983-84 "to exercise anything approaching the regular supervision that is expected of senior managers".

"Her gaze was focused on Beverley Lorrington and Maurice Beckford. She averted her eyes to the children, to be aware of them only as and when they were with their parents, hardly ever to observe their development and never to communicate with Jasmine on her own".

Both the social worker and her supervisor went along with the Beckfords' desire to have their children back home. They were "only to eager" to accept parental explanations of why the children were absent when visits were made. Even on the day Jamine Beckford died, when they were searching "almost frantically" for the family, it was not because they had not seen the child for four months but wanted to ensure she was fit and well but because they wanted to set in motion an overdue review on the care order.

"We fear that their [social workers] attitude in regarding the parents of children in care as clients, rather than the children in their own right, may be widespread among social workers.

The report emphasizes that a child placed under a care order by a local authority is "a child in trust" the phrase taken as the report's title.

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Jasmine Beckford



Mr Blom-Cooper



Maurice Beckford



Beverley Lorrington

EVENTS IN JASMINE BECKFORD CASE

1979	
Dec 2	Jasmine Beckford born. Health visitor visits Beckfords.
1981	
May 27	Louise Beckford born. Health visitor visits Beckfords.
Aug 1	Louise taken to hospital with broken arm, retinal haemorrhage.
Aug 4	Jasmine taken to hospital with broken femur. Place of Safety Order on each child granted for 14 days.
Aug 6	Case conference held at St Charles' Hospital. Both children placed on Non-Accidental Injury Register. Miss Gun Wahlstrom appointed key worker.
Aug 17	Interim Care Orders made by Inner London Juvenile Court. Brent Borough Council ordered to bring children before the Willesden Juvenile Court.
Aug 20	Area 6, Brent Social Services takes over responsibility for case.
Aug 26	Louise discharged from hospital and placed with foster-parents, Mr and Mrs Probert.
Sept 9	Willesden Juvenile Court makes orders committing both children into care of Brent Borough Council. Magistrates add rider expressing the hope that children will be reunited with parents.
Sept 14	Jasmine discharged from hospital and placed with Mr and Mrs Probert. Weekly access to parents.
Nov 19	Morris Beckford convicted of assault occasioning actual bodily harm to Louise, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined £250.
1982	
Mar 22	Morris Beckford and Beverley Lorrington re-housed by Brent Borough Council at 57 College Road, Kensal Rise.
Apr 5	Case Conference: decision to return children to parents: key worker to organize "intensive visiting".
Apr 19	Children taken home. Daily visiting by social workers begins.
Nov 9	Case Conference: Both children to be removed from child abuse register.
Nov 12	Both children taken off abuse register.
1983	
Apr 18	Case Review by Brent Social Services: decision to apply for revocation of care order.
Jun 7-Jul 22	Jasmine fails to attend nursery school.
Jun 22	Application for revocation of care orders refused by Willesden Juvenile Court.
Sept 9	Jasmine attends nursery school Never again attends school.
Dec 11	Chantelle Beckford born.
1984	
Mar 12	Home visit by Miss Wahlstrom: "All three children appeared well and happy".
May 22	Six-monthly review by Brent Social Services due to take place: postponed.
May 24	Miss Wahlstrom visits home: sees Morris Beckford and Beverley Lorrington.
May 30	Miss Wahlstrom visits: only Morris Beckford seen.
Jun 4	Miss Wahlstrom visits: Beckford and Lorrington seen.
Jun 11	Miss Wahlstrom visits: No reply; note left.
Jul 3	Miss Wahlstrom delivers letter announcing visit on July 5 to start review procedure.
Jul 5	1pm. Miss Wahlstrom and Mrs Diane Dietmann visit: no reply; leave note. 2pm. They return to Beckford home: no reply. 3pm. Miss Wahlstrom telephones Beverley Lorrington's parents: Beverley not yet back. 5.30pm. Jasmine taken to St Mary's Hospital: dead on arrival.
Jul 6	Beckford and Lorrington charged with murder of Jasmine.

Tyra Henry death inquiry 'may be last'

With the exception of the public inquiry due shortly into the death of Tyra Henry, the Jasmine Beckford inquiry may be the last public investigation into child abuse death. Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, the inquiry chairman, said yesterday.

The Beckford inquiry, which cost more than £300,000, "could well be the end of a series" which stretches back through more than 20 inquiries to the Maria Colwell case in 1973.

Mr Blom-Cooper said: "We have got to the stage where the child abuse system has been sufficiently refined." Child care law was being reviewed, with legislation likely to follow, and the British Association of Social Workers had produced a detailed code of practice for social workers, their supervisors and managers, which the inquiry has warmly endorsed, saying that the child's interests must come first.

The Government was also consulting on how and at what level future child abuse inquiries should be set up, and is to produce fresh guidance on the handling of child abuse cases. The issue of family courts was under review and the reorganized social services inspectorate would also contribute.

"I don't think we are going to see any major issues of principle in handling child abuse come up in future. There will still be cases. This is a high-risk game and there will be disasters. But I suspect they will be individual failures rather than something very fundamental", Mr Blom-Cooper said.

The report says that, contrary to government proposals for future inquiries into child abuse cases, there should be a presumption that they be held in public when there is sufficient public concern, rather than in private and that the Government should respond to reasonable requests for funding.

Call for longer specialist training

Big improvements in social workers' training are called for in the report, with "nothing short of a three-year period" instead of the present option of either a two-year full-time course or a qualification based on part-time courses.

Training must include more specialist skills in areas such as child abuse, but also in the specialist skills needed to protect other vulnerable groups such as the elderly, the physically handicapped and the mentally disordered.

The report says that since the development of more generalized "generic" training for social workers, after the Seebohm report of 1968, "specialist skills have taken a back seat".

Between the end of the war and the implementation of the Seebohm recommendations from 1971, when specialist children's departments existed, and "children's officers were not distracted from caring for deprived children by other tasks", there was only one big inquiry into abuse of a child for whom a local authority was responsible. Since 1973 there have been more than 20.

The fact that the two social workers most responsible for Jasmine Beckford had "neither a nodding acquaintance with the relevant literature, nor a smattering of social work knowledge on child abuse" is "eloquent testimony of a failure in those responsible for imparting knowledge and skills to practitioners who are required to provide a child protection servic", the report says.

Given the wide range and depth of responsibilities social workers carry" it is astonishing that training for the profession is so limited in time, and hence in content".

Compared with teachers, doctors, lawyers and nurses, the training period for social workers is very short.

But attempts to expand social work training have failed, probably because social work training, with its "on the job" experience, is cosily, and the planned expansion coincided with government cuts in public spending, the report says.

"There is no secure funding of social work training and education. There appears to us to be little or no promotion, or even protection, of social work training as a priority in higher education, as there is for lawyers, doctors and teachers.

"If ... child abuse is a burning topic of acute public concern, then the public, through its political representatives, must will the means to administer effectively a service of child protection." That means more resources to redress the balance between "generic" and "specialist" training in favour of the latter.

Social work will come of age, the report says, "when the professionalism of its practitioners has been sharpened by better education, more sensibly directed training and an understanding that specialist treatment of the most socially vulnerable of our citizenry: children, old people, the physically handicapped and the mentally disordered, call for the development and deployment of specialist skill in social workers relevant to those classes of persons".

The recommendations come, however, when social work training in polytechnics and colleges is faced with potential 20 per cent reductions in numbers, plus pressure on the funds available for each student: when some university courses are closing or are threatened with closure, and whan a recent survey has shown cuts of 10 per cent in full-time tutor posts in social work at polytechnics and colleges and an 18 per cent reduction at universities.

Child's list of injuries

Jasmine Beckford's father, Maurice, was jailed for 10 years in March this year for manslaughter, and her mother, Beverley Lorrington was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for cruelty.

When the girl aged four, died she weighed just 23lb. The court was told she had suffered numerous leg fractures, broken ribs and had ulcers, burns and cuts to her leg. She had suffered a total of 40 injuries to her face body.

The pathologist told the court the child was emaciated due to chronic undernourishment, with multiple old scars caused by repeated physical abuse and numerous fresh injuries from "a severe physical beating". She died from brain damage resulting from her severe head injuries.

Solicitors vote to retain adverts

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors in England and Wales have voted by a narrow majority that they should retain the right to advertise their services to the public.

A ballot of the profession, in which nearly 25,000 valid votes were cast, has shown 13,529 solicitors to be in favour of continuing to advertise and 11,246 against.

It also shows that most do not want a "substantial liberilization" of the present rules of guidance. Of all those voting, whether for or against advertising, a total of 16,400 want the guidance to remain as it now stands.

It is just over a year since the profession's practice rules were relaxed to allow advertising by individual firms of solicitors in the Press and on radio but not on television as allowed by Scottish solicitors.

The move was made in response both to substantial demand from some quarters of the profession, particularly younger members, and mounting pressure from the Government. Faced with the loss of their near-monopoly on conveyancing, solicitors wanted to be better able to compete with other professions and businesses.

But apart from the first flurry of interest few solicitors have taken advantage of their new-found freedom. Many have argued that advertising by individual firms, as opposed to that by the Law Society as their professional body is counter-productive.

They say it does not assist the public and merely redistributes the profession's work to solicitors who claim unrealistically low fees.

The ballot was organized after a meeting of the Law Society last July, where a motion was passed recognizing the profession's concern on the advetising issue. There was also criticism that the profession had not been consulted.

Sending out the ballot papers the Law Society council justified its decision, reiterating that the rules had been changed in response to demand and stating that responsible advertising was in the interests of the public and the profession.

Lawyers go to Hailsham on duty plan

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

A delegation of MPs led by Sir Walter Clegg, chairman of the all-party solicitors' group, is to meet Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, in a late attempt to obtain changes to the statutory duty solicitor scheme due to come into force on January 1.

The scheme, which will for the first time provide suspects held in police stations with a statutory right to see a solicitor, is still seriously defective in a number of respects, the Law Society said yesterday.

Mr Andrew Lockley, secretary of the society's litigation committee, said the society, whose job it is to draw up the scheme, was concerned about the way offences were divided into two categories with only those carrying five or more years of imprisonment qualifying for unlimited legal advice.

All other offences would qualify for up to two hours' advice, which was liable to be reduced according to how much time solicitors had to spend travelling to the police station.

The Law Society is also concerned that those assisting police voluntarily with their inquiries, however serious the offence under investigation, would be subject to the two-hour limit.

Mr Lockley said that from a five-day tour of local law societies it seemed likely that schemes would get off the ground in most places, in spite of the threats of boycott in some areas. But there are no figures yet on whether enough solicitors have joined up with their local schemes to make a full service viable. The scheme in some parts of London, for instance, may be patchy.

Sales protest waitress loses claim

A waitress who objected to being ordered to behave "like some second-hand car salesman" in order to meet sales targets, yesterday lost the second round of her claim that she was unfairly dismissed.

Mrs Ardemia Crooks walked out of her job last year at the Harte and Garter Hotel, opposite Windsor Castle, because she felt Berni Inn's "new policy that waiting staff should persuade customers to buy more food and drink than they needed" was immoral.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal in London upheld by a majority of two to one a decision by an industrial tribunal in August 1984 that she had not been forced into resigning and was not unfairly dismissed.

Political pressure over Marques claim denied

From Tim Jones, Plymouth

A junior transport minister agreed yesterday that he had questioned whether it was necessary to order a full survey by his experts into the condition of the British sailing ship, the Marques, which sank off Bermuda last year with the loss fo 19 lives.

The public inquiry into the sinking has already lasted eight weeks. It has been told that Department of Transport officials waived the normal inspection by their own surveyor and granted the 85-ton barque a seaworthiness certificate after interviewing the owner, Mr Mark Litchfield, and his surveyor, Mr John Perryman.

But Mr David Mitchell, Under Secretary of State for Transport, denied that any political pressure had been applied to ensure the Marques, known to millions for her role in *The Onedin Line* and other television series, obtained a certificate.

To facilitate obtaining a certificate, Mr Litchfield, of Boxley, Kent, had approached his MP, Mr Andrew Rowe, pointing out that any delay could jeopardize forthcoming commercial ventures by the Marques. Mr Rowe had approached Mr Mitchell, who in turn agreed to discuss the vessel with his officials on July 25, 1983

Mr Mitchell agreed with Mr John Reeder, for the Secretary of State, that he had been advised about the normal procedures employed for the granting of a certificate.

The hearing continues today.

Animal rights campaigners found guilty

Three more defendanis in the trial of 18 animal rights supporters were found guilty by a jury at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

Another defendant was acquitted after the jury retired at the start of the tenth week of the trial and spent the night in a hotel.

On Monday the jury returned guilty verdicts against four of the accused, all of whom have denied a charge of conspiracy to burgle.

Kevin Williams, aged 24, and Susan Baker, aged 25, both of Ernest Road, Portsmouth, and another man aged 21 who for legal reasons cannot be named, were convicted yesterday.

The jury acquitted Jill Johnson, aged 42, of Squirrel Farm, Battle, Sussex.

Channel link price war feared

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Cross-channel fares might halve during a price war waged by ferry operators to offset the attractions of a Channel fixed link, a study by stockbrokers Phillips and Drew predicts.

Such fierce price-cutting would not last long because it would inflict severe damage on both parties. The fixed link might need re-financing with a large capital write-off, even nationalizing and the ferry operators might be forced to close routes around the coast from Felixstowe to Portsmouth.

Prices could remain depressed at 30 per cent to 40 per cent below existing levels for a long time however as the ferry operators could wage a proposed price war with new low-cost ships or old ones written down, Phillips and Drew believes.

A fixed link looks likely to go ahead because both the British and French governments now favour it for political reasons; but the choice of scheme should be left to the market. As so much emphasis is placed by the Government on private sector financing, Phillips and Drew says it would seem sensible to approve all shemes meeting technical and safety criteria, and leave market forces to decide which one should be built.

Major UK civil engineering projects

Scheme	Budget cost £m	Actual cost £m	Inflation adjusted cost £m
Thames Barrier	23	461	105
NatWest Tower	15	115	28
Humber Bridge	19	120	32

Average tariff (Dover-Calais), 1984 prices equivalent (£)

	1975	1980	1984
Passenger	8.90	5.50	5.30
Cars/coaches	68.00	53.00	55.00
Road haulage unit	195.00	220.00	150.00

The major fixed link proposals

	Estimated cost 1985 £bn
Channel Expressway	2.1
Channel Tunnel Group	2.4
Eurobridge	5.0
EuroRoute	4.0

● Cheaper air fares between Britain and Switzerland are likely after a new Anglo-Swiss agreement announced by Mr Michael Spicer, aviation minister at the Department of Transport, yesterday. He said there would be a push during the next six months to free airlines and travellers from the "outrageous" web of agreements which pushed up air fares in Europe compared with the United States.

Mr Spicer said it was "high time that radically reduced fares were available all over Europe.

Mitterrand keeps France guessing on eve of surprise Jaruzelski visit

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand's surprise announcement of a meeting in Paris today with President Jaruzelski of Poland has provoked strong reactions here, ranging from worried perplexity to indignation.

There have been few voices to applaud M Mitterrand's decision to become the first Western head of state to meet the Polish leader since martial law was imposed in Poland in December, 1981.

So evident is the gain in respectability for the general from the meeeting, and so obscure the benefit for France, that observers have been led to speculate whether M Mitterrand, with his penchant for pulling political rabbits out of hats, will not spring another surprise on the French public at today's talks.

The large expatriate Polish community is particularly disturbed. M Michel Kwiatowski, editor of the Polish-language *Narodowiec* (Defender of the Nation) newspaper, which has a circulation of about 10,000, said that in receiving General Jaruzelski M Mitterrand was "giving the impression of ratifying the repressions in Poland".

In an open letter to M Mitterrand, M Piotr Slominski, president of the Solidarity France-Poland Association, said that his decision to grant General Jaruzelski's request for a meeting had "surprised and worried" the association.

This was partly because it was certain to be used by the Polish regime as propaganda, but also because the few comments by M Mitterrand "make us fear that the meeting will mark the beginning of a return to the normalization of relations between the two countries".

M Yves Montand, the actor-singer who seems to have taken on the role of unofficial spokesman for the man in the street in France, was horrified.

"What are the students in Krakow, the miners in Silesia, and workers in Gdansk going to think when they see M Jaruzelski shaking the hand of M Mitterrand ... of this highly developed democracy which is France?" he asked. "It seems as if they (the French socialists) are simply piling one crass stupidity upon another. For me, it is incomprehensible."

The last time a French President met a Polish leader was in May 1980, when M Giscard d'Estaing made his famous visit to Warsaw, shortly after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, to meet President Brezhnev in the presence of Mr Edward Gierek, winning M Mitterrand's damning description – "le petit telegraphiste de Varsovie" (the telegraph boy of Warsaw).

In an allusion to that phrase, M Alain Madelin, a spokesman for the centre-right *UDF* party, yesterday described M Mitterrand as "the little impresario of Communist dictatorships", following his meetings with General Gadaffi, Mr Gorbachov, and now General Jaruzelski.

"We cannot boycott South Africa and at the same time roll out the red carpet for M Jaruzelski," he said.

Observers have been left puzzled both by the unorthodox way in which news of the meeting was broken by President Mitterrand, on his arrival in Luxembourg for the EEC summit, and by the total embargo on all information about the visit.

Asked in Luxembourg about rumours emanating from Warsaw about a visit to Paris by General Jaruzelski, M Mitterrand seemed to catch even his own aides off balance when he replied: "Well, yes, that is right.

"He was anyway due to make a technical stopover in Paris on leaving Algiers. He has asked to see me. Poland exists, whatever people may think."

M Mitterrand did not explain why the Polish leader had to come via Paris when he was due to go on to Tunis after Algiers



Mrs Yelena Bonner with her son Alexei Semyonov when she appeared at the window of her Rome hotel room yesterday

Wife tries in vain to phone Sakharov

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Members of the family of Mrs Yelena Bonner, wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, last night accused the Soviet authorities of inhuman treatment of the dissident physicist and of deceiving international public opinion about his physical suffering.

Mr Alexei Semyonov, a son by a previous marriage, and Mr Efrem Yankelevich, her son-in-law, also said her attempts, since arriving here on Monday, to telephone her husband in his exile in Gorky had been in vain.

Mrs Bonner is in Italy for medical treatment. She will see a doctor about her eyes and then go to the US for a heart operation.

The family said it was essential that contact with her husband be maintained, because if it were broken "this could mean that something new had happened in the situation at Gorky".

Both men said they did not feel that what they had disclosed could endanger the possibility of Mrs Bonner's return to the Soviet Union. She promised before she left that while in the West she would not give interviews or press conferences.

This was a condition imposed by the Soviet authorities for her return. But her son and son-in-law said they were not acting as her intermediary with the press, but simply passing on information they had had earlier by telephone and which had now been confirmed.

They said Dr Sakharov was now feeling well. He did exercises every day and had begun his scientific studies again.

But the details they gave of his sufferings included the stroke he had last year as a result of forced feeding during a hunger strike.

He had subsequent strokes and after the first he had been force-fed for a further six months.

On April 15 this year he started a hunger stike to get permission for his wife to have medical treatment in the West. Six days later he was forcibly taken to hospital and force-fed again. He interrupted this hunger strike for two weeks from July 19. He resumed it, and was taken back to hospital.

During the period in which he had suspended his protest he was photographed with his wife to convince public opinion that he was well.

Smith may lose seat over TV comments

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Ian Smith, the former prime minister of Rhodesia, may face expulsion from the Zimbabwe House of Assembly after a parliamentary committee of inquiry reports on alleged contemptuous statements by the former rebel leader.

The formation of the committee yesterday is the latest development in the uproar which followed a BBC television interview in October in which Mr Smith told schoolchildren that the concept of one-man-one-vote was "a negation of democracy" and that most Zimbabwe blacks were illiterate and politically ignorant.

The eight-member committee of the House of Assembly is chaired by Mr Bill Irvine, a former Rhodesian front minister who has since broken from Mr Smith, and includes two MPs of the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe, successor to the Rhodesian Front.

It is to report on its inquiry into Mr Smith's statements to the Speaker, Mr Didymus Mutasa, who will be asked to make recommendations.

Mr Mutasa told the House that parliamentary counsel had advised him that Mr Smith's words were contemptuous of the Government, of the African people of Zimbabwe, and by extension of parliament itself.

In an interview later with *The Times*, he said: "The power of Parliament is absolute. If there are recommendations to Parliament and they are accepted, then Parliament will implement them forthwith.

"There is nobody to whom Mr Smith can appeal."



Mr Smith: facing inquiry by MPs

McFarlane still tipped to quit job

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Speculation mounted yesterday that Mr Robert McFarlane, National Security Adviser to President Reagan, will resign soon because of tense relations with Mr Donald Regan, White House Chief of Staff.

The White House fuelled the speculation by refusing to issue an explicit denial that Mr McFarlane was planning to quit. A senior Administration official said relations between the two officials has worsened during the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in Geneva when Mr McFarlane felt "hemmed in" by Mr Regan.

The two officials have apparently been at odds for months, mainly because of Mr Regan's management style and his increasing involvement in foreign affairs. Mr McFarlane became National Security Adviser in October 1983.

Meanwhile, internal Administration investigations into the leak of a crucial letter from Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, to President Reagan on the eve of the Geneva Summit appear to be pointing away from Mr Richard Perle, the right wing assistant defence secretary, as a possible source, and on to State Department officials, according to administration sources.

Sunbelt South tops growth chart

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The American South, the poorest region of the country until the start of its economic growth in the 1960s, continues to be the fastest-growing area in the United States.

A Census Bureau survey of population trends over the past five years shows that the sunbelt South heads the lists of population growth, inward migration and jobs. It continues to expand, in spite of the depression in the Texas oil business and the closure of manufacturing plants under the pressure of foreign competition.

The economic robustness of the South is owed largely to the growth of Florida and Texas and expansion of their large cities. In the past 10 years Americans have moved in great numbers out of the North to the booming South and West.

The Middle West States, which are losing traditional industries and suffering a depression in agriculture, are having the most difficult time, gaining the fewest jobs.

The survey shows that blacks, who left the South for the North in big numbers 60 years ago, are continuing the trend of the 1970s and moving back to the South. The end of segregation, enforcement of civil rights, and the improved economy make the South more attractive. But black migration back to the South slowed down in the past five years because the North-East states have enjoyed a substantial economic recovery.

The population of blacks and other minorities continues to grow large in the centre of cities. In the North, minorities spread only slowly into white suburbs, but in the South and West the suburbs are more multiracial.

US defence firm on more fraud charges

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

General Dynamics Corporation, the big American defence contractor, and four present or former executives have been indicted on charges of trying to defraud the Government over the development of a controversial new anti-aircraft weapon.

The case is the latest in a series of accusations against the corporation, which over the last two years has been forced to pay back tens of millions of dollars in improper billings on defence contracts.

Those accused in the new case include Mr James Beggs, head of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa). They were charged with attempting to hide cost overruns on a contract to develop the anti-aircraft weapon, the division air defence (divad) gun, known as the Sgt York, which was cancelled in August because of cost overruns.

Mr Beggs, Nasa administrator since June, 1981, was an executive vice-president of General Dynamics. The indictment by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles charged that Mr Beggs and the others conspired to defraud the Pentagon on the divad contract from January, 1978, to August, 1981. They were also charged with making false statements.

Mr Beggs said in a statement: "I am innocent of any criminal wrongdoings and I intend vigorously to defend the case." General Dynamics said it would fight the charges.

Astles set free after six years in Uganda jail

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Mr Bob Astles, aged 62, the British-born former aide of the Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin, emerged yesterday from Luzira prison on the outskirts of Kampala, where he has been held since 1979. Kenya returned him to Uganda when he fled in a motor boat as Amin was deposed.

Mr Astles, who comes from Kent, visited the British High Commission in Kampala after being freed and applied to resume his British citizenship. He plans to travel to Britain in a few days.

Meanwhile hopes that a peace agreement would be signed in Nairobi yesterday between the Uganda military Government and the National Resistance Army (NRA) guerrillas were not realized.

Kenyan officials had said that a formal agreement would be signed, ending four months of on-and-off negotiations after the overthrow of President Obote in July. Journalists and photographers spent the whole day waiting for the signing ceremony in the conference centre but nothing happened.

Sikh figurehead neglected

Snubs puzzle Indian President

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

What, people are beginning to ask, has gone wrong between the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and the head of state, President Giani Zail Singh?

The Giani (which is a title denoting that he is learned in the scriptures), is a turbaned, 70-year-old Sikh, who has been worn by the Indian administration like a badge for the past 18 months, to show that Sikhs too can aspire to the top jobs under Congress rule.

But recently he has been inexplicably slighted by the Government. It has, for example, been a long-standing custom that prime ministers call upon the President before leaving the country, and after returning from foreign tours. Mr Gandhi has never done that.

President Zail Singh might have expected to be sent on travels abroad – he went overseas many times when Mrs Gandhi was prime minister, and indeed was in North Yemen at the time of the assassination. But since he returned from that visit he has not left the country.

There have been smaller slights too. The President does much travelling in this country, and though often accompanied by a television team, has scarcely been shown on the screen.

On the anniversary of Mrs Gandhi's assassination there was a huge old-style rally in the centre of Delhi. It was addressed by the Prime Minister and by several state chief ministers. There were Cabinet ministers in favoured seats next to the press. Vice-President Venkataraman was invited and made a handsome speech in Hindi. But the President was not asked.

The President, a low-caste Sikh, a carpenter, who brought himself up by his bootstraps, fighting and winning elections at the street, the village, the district, the state levels, is said to be philosophical about these snubs. He enjoys his job, and likes living simply in the grandeur of the presidential palace.

He is content to continue acting as the constitutional monarch, a processional but hardly political role prescribed for him under the republican rules. But he is said to be puzzled, since he feels it was he, first of all, who decided that Mr Gandhi should be sworn in to succeed his mother.

Observers theorize that Mr Gandhi blames the Giani in part for his mother's death. He was partly responsible, as Home Minister, for promoting the extremist Ayatollah-like figure of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

His feud with the man who succeeded as Congress Chief Minister of State, Mr Darbara Singh, did not help matters. When as President he broadcast to the nation to try to salve Sikh feelings after the assault on the Golden Temple of Amritsar he was not able to omit a dig at Mr Darbara Singh, and also made a remark which appeared as a criticism of the central government rule in the state, instead of blaming it all on the Akalis.

However, no President has failed to fill out his full term, and President Zail Singh, expects to fulfil his duty until July 25, 1987.

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OAS shows increasing alarm over crisis in Latin American debt

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

Increasing alarm over the Latin American debt crisis emerged as the dominant theme as the Organization of American States (OAS) continued its three-day meeting in Cartagena, on Colombia's Caribbean coast yesterday.

President Betancur of Colombia described the debt crisis as a time bomb which threatened the political and social stability of many countries in the region as well as the international financial system, while Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State warned that Latin America's economic growth risked being undermined by hostility in the region to direct foreign investment.

But on the economic front, Mr Shultz was optimistic. He said that only a few years ago, few had predicted the current resurgence of democracy in the region. Today, he said, "many doubt our capacity to restore sustained economic growth. I think that we shall see the sceptics proved wrong, once again."

But he warned against growing protectionism in the region, and hostility to foreign investment. Promoting the virtues of the Baker Plan he said it required "more efficient economic management, more national savings, and a more attractive atmosphere for foreign, and national investment".

The US predictably opposed the readmission of Cuba to the OAS. Mr Shultz claimed that Cuba's behaviour had actually "worsened" since its expulsion from the organization after the revolution.

Argentina supported Colombia's proposals for major reforms of the OAS. In particular, Señor Dante Caputo, Argentine's Foreign Minister, called for a new article in the organization's charter which would sanction member countries found to have committed "grave and repeated violations to the principle of non-intervention, and against human rights".

Later, the meeting is expected to issue a declaration supporting Argentina's claims on the Falkland Islands.

Mr Shultz's speech was peppered with veiled references to Nicaragua. He said Latin American democracy faced "many threats launched by terrorist violence, by Communist subversion, and by governments which refuse to allow free elections".

Seating arrangements at the meeting placed Mr Shultz next to the Nicaraguan delegate, Señor Alejandro Bendana, who, according to witnesses, responded explosively to the charges, and accused the US of promoting terrorism by the "Contra" rebels who seek to topple the Sandinistas.

● A tense calm reigned in Cali yesterday after some of the fiercest urban warfare actions seen in a Colombian city. The security forces have imposed a 9pm curfew in seven working-class districts with a total population of 70,000.

Since the weekend fighting in the city has claimed the lives of 15 people and left at least 50 injured. Sniping continued yesterday.

As security forces tried to restore order in working class districts of Colombia's third biggest city, following a major uprising by terrorists of the April 19 movement (M-19), debate raged nationwide over the United States' chages of Nicaraguan support for M-19.

The charges were made by Mr Shultz at the OAS opening session, held behind closed doors on Monday. It led immediately to an angry confrontation between Mr Shultz and Señor Bendana.

Later at a press conference, Mr Shultz said that President Betancur had told him that "a Colombian terrorist group is receiving some kind of help from a member country of the OAS".

Israel raids deep into south Lebanon

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

An Israeli Army unit carried out a raid deep inside south Lebanon yesterday morning in a remote area about 10 miles north-west of Mount Hermon. The raid was two miles beyond the buffer zone which Israel has created beyond the Lebanese border.

According to an army spokesman, the attack was against a group which had been planning a series of raids into Israel itself. Five members of this group had been killed, an unspecified number taken prisoner, and a considerable amount of military equipment had been captured. The Israeli unit recorded no casualties itself.

Policing of the buffer zone is largely in the hands of the unofficial "South Lebanese Army" (SLA) which receives equipment and help from Israeli advisers. Despite signs of increasing military action inside the zone, Israel claims its northern border is now all but sealed to attack.

The Israeli Army has made a very few raids beyond the limits of the zone in the past and the latest attack is probably the reaction to the growth in the number of raids on SLA positions which has occurred over the past month.

Meanwhile, police believe that the murder of a leading Palestinian moderate in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Monday evening was because he was a lawyer in a large land deal case and that it was probably not politically motivated.

Mr Aziz Shehadeh, aged 74, has long campaigned peacefully for setting up a Palestinian state and had always argued against armed conflict.

● **PARIS:** A caller, claiming to be telephoning Paris from Amman, Jordan, in the name of the Abu Nidal Palestinian extremist group, took responsibility yesterday for the murder of Mr Shehadeh (AP reports).

● **VERONA:** Omar Salem Abdul Fattah, a self-described PLO official, arrested in possession of a coache of arms and explosives, said the weapons were intended for use "on Syrian objectives in Holland," a police official said yesterday (AP reports).

● **PLO denial:** The PLO news agency said in London last night that Mr Abdul Fattah had absolutely no connection with the PLO.

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Children wearing Save the Children Fund shirts imitate the photographer at a camp in Sudan's Darfur region which will be visited tomorrow by Princess Anne.

Sudan greets Princess Anne

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

Smiling mothers held up babies, and nurses ululated in traditional greeting as Princess Anne arrived at Khartoum's Children's Emergency Hospital yesterday, her first public engagement on a packed week-long trip to Sudan as President of the Save The Children Fund

Although she had smiles for the small patients, she looked concerned as she discussed health problems with doctors and nursing sisters during her two-hour visit to the hospital. A new coat of paint disguises the appalling shortage of drugs, equipment and supplies that plague this and every other health facility in the country. The children's hospital is among the more fortunate, receiving support from the fund.

Princess Anne had embarked on the final leg of her four-country African tour on Monday afternoon, when she arrived in Khartoum on a scheduled British Airways flight from Dar es Salaam. Bareheaded and informally dressed in a striped, cap-sleeved blouse and straight yellow skirt, she was greeted by the Prime Minister, Dr El Gizouli Daffallah.

During the past 12 months, the fund has been in charge of distributing US-supplied grain to the famine-stricken western region of Darfur.

Copenhagen wheelchair robber flees with £5m

Copenhagen (AFP). – A man in a wheelchair, propelled by a companion, yesterday carried off one of the biggest robberies in Danish history – a sack containing 70 million kronor (£5.1 million).

The robbers collided with a security guard as he was leaving a bank in Herlev, a Copenhagen suburb. He was about to put the sack, containing post office takings, into his truck.

They hit him over the head with an iron bar and fled, abandoning the wheelchair in their flight. Witnesses said they saw the thieves make off in a car.

Sudan welcome for rebels

Khartoum – The rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Movement has been welcomed as a member by the national grouping of Political parties, professional associations and trades unions (Gill Lusk writes).

In a statement, the ruling National Alliance for the Salvation of the Country described the rebel group as "a national political movement representing one of the forces of the uprising" which overthrew former President Nimeiry, indicating its intention to settle peacefully the civil war.

Unlucky fall

Belgrade (AP) – A boy aged 15 survived a fall from a seventh-floor balcony with a broken thigh but is likely to be charged with manslaughter because he fell on a woman who died shortly afterward, the *Vecernje Novosti* newspaper reported.

Sinkmanship

Bonn (AFP) – West Germany's Economics Minister, Herr Martin Bangemann, has been receiving hundreds of telephone calls inviting him to wash up dishes. For the minister was injudicious enough to mention, in a weekend television interview, that one of his ways of relaxing from political cares was to wash up.

Chile blasts

Santiago (AFP) – A wave of explosions shook the Chilean capital and other cities after incendiary bombs gutted 10 buses here in 24 hours.

Spain runs out of luck in lottery

From Dominique Searle
Gibraltar

The Spanish Government has failed in a claim for a £20,000 Gibraltar Government lottery prize after confiscating a ticket at the La Linea frontier post

Gibraltar's supreme court was told that Señor Monsalud Vera Alba was fined more than £200 for smuggling the ticket into Spain in 1983, the same week her ticket number was draw.

When she tried to claim her money from the Gibraltar authorities, she found that the Spanish Customs had also laid claim to the prize. But Spain was debarred from claiming after failing to respond to a summons, and Señora Alba's claim failed on a technicality.

Flames and fury as Bhopal remembers

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

Effigies of Mr Warren Anderson, the Union Carbide chairman, were set alight in processions through the streets of Bhopal to mark the first anniversary of the gas tragedy in which 2,500 people died and 20,000 were injured on December 3 last year.

Torches were lit and opposition parties and voluntary organizations held demonstrations, including a street play showing Mr Anderson with 13 heads, each head symbolizing the 13 plants the multinational has in India.

At a thinly attended public meeting in Bhopal, Mr Motilal Vohra, the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, held Union Carbide responsible for the disaster. He said that after the disaster the company and its representatives had neither offered relief and rehabilitation nor evinced any "meaningful" interest in these issues. On the contrary, the Chief Minister said, the representatives of the company went about saying that the disaster was the result of sabotage.

● **BHOPAL:** Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary yesterday settled claims by workers made redundant from the factory here (Reuter reports).

The settlement between the 627 workers and the subsidiary was the first sign of compromise on compensation issues

A joint statment said the workers would get a total of 22.4 million rupees (£1.2 million) for compensation, wages and gratuities due to them since authorities officially shut the plant on July 11.

Hitler gibe at Kohl's Nobel protest

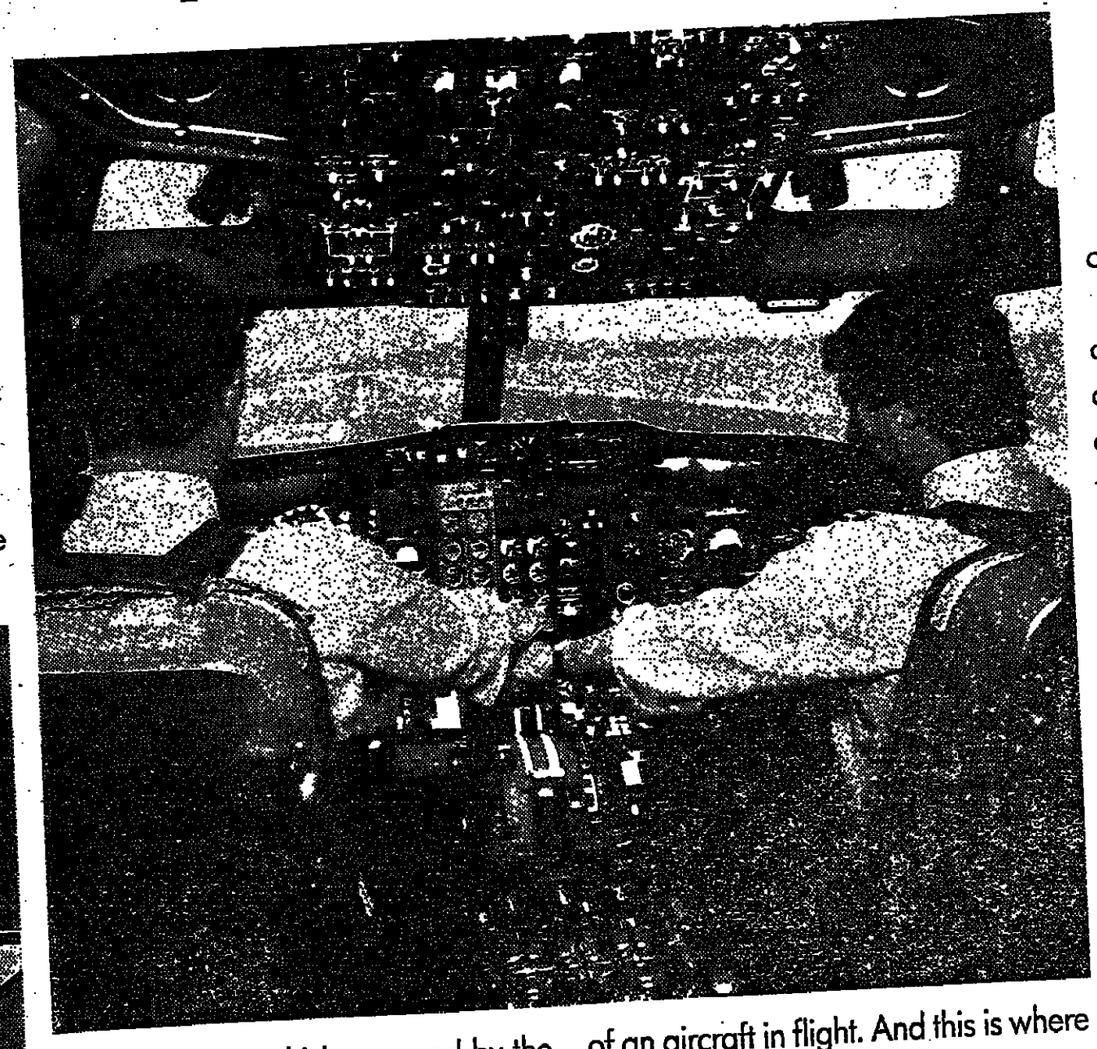
Bonn – Mr Jacob Sverdrup, the Norwegian Director of the Nobel Institute, was quoted here yesterday as having said that Herr Helmut Kohl, was the first head of government officially to have protested against a Nobel award since Hitler in 1935 (Frank Johnson writes).

Mr Sverdrup was criticizing Herr Kohl's signing of a letter from leaders of European Christian Democratic parties, deploring the Peace Prize awarded to the Sovier Professor Yevgeny Chazov

The letter, which Herr Kohl signed as chairman of West Germany's Christian Democrats, attacked Professor Chazov for having signed a denunciation by Soviet scientists of Dr Andrei Sakharov in 1973.

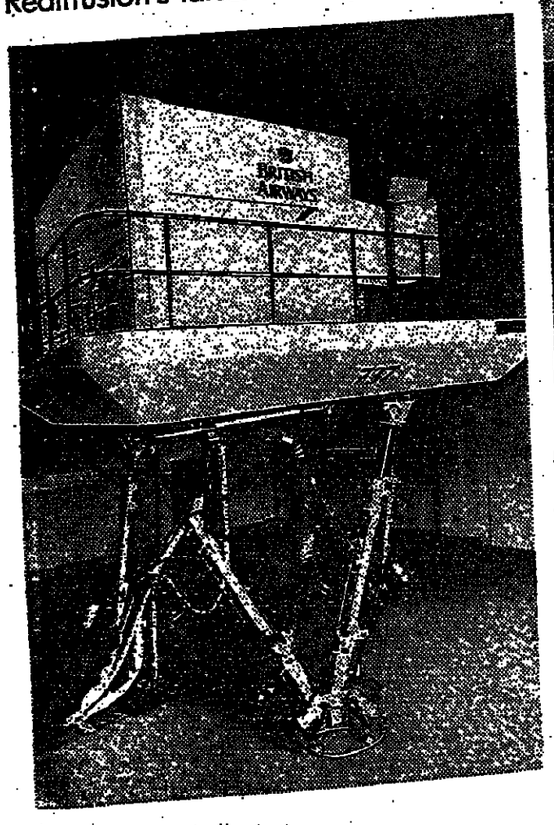
Mr Sverdrup said that the protest in 1935 by Hitler was against the award of a Peace Prize to the German pacifist, Carl von Ossietzsky.

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Liberal landslide ends nine-year rule of Quebec separatists

From John Best, Ottawa

After nine years of frequently turbulent rule, the Parti Québécois has been turned out of office in Quebec by a Liberal landslide.

The Liberals won 99 of the 122 seats in the legislature in Monday's provincial general election, with the Parti Québécois (PQ) winning just 23. Other parties failed to win a single seat.

It was sweet vengeance for the Liberals who in 1976 were swept out of office by the PQ in an election that sent shock-waves across Canada because at that time the PQ espoused the cause of Quebec independence.

For the Liberal leader, Mr Robert Bourassa suffered a humiliating personal loss in his Montreal-area constituency of Bertrand and will have to ask one of the winning Liberals to step aside, so that he can run for his seat in a by-election.

In a victory statement at party headquarters in Montreal late on Monday night, the Premier-elect, aged 52, indicated that he will make such a move "in a matter of weeks".

The PQ leader and Premier, Mr Pierre-Marc Johnson, won a personal victory in the constituency of Anjou. He was elected leader only in September, succeeding Mr René Lévesque, the founder of the party and architect of its accession to power nine years ago.

Monday's election results gave the Liberals 99 seats, 57 more than they won in 1981. Their share of the vote rose from 46 per cent in 1981 to 58 per cent while the PQ's share dropped from 49 per cent to 37 per cent and their seats from 80 to 23.

The results marked the end of an era in predominantly French-speaking Quebec. In a sense, it also marked the final repudiation of the independence option by voters, since although the PQ had removed sovereignty from its platform earlier this year, Mr Johnson continued to talk about it as a distant vision and goal. In any case, many people in Quebec and many other Canadians – continue to think of the PQ as a separatist party.

The Liberals, on the other hand are, and always have been, staunchly pro-federalist. They led the successful fight against a PQ-sponsored independence referendum in 1980.

The PQ went into Monday's election a badly divided party, still riven by the decision of Mr Lévesque – with Mr Johnson egging him on – to abandon the independence goal for the foreseeable future.

The Liberals based their successful campaign mainly on economic issues with promises of bold action to bring down Quebec's unemployment rate, which is above 12 per cent and exceeds the national average by more than two percentage points.

Perhaps the main factor in the PQ's undoing, however, was a massive loss of support from the Labour movement. Organized labour was solidly behind the left-leaning PQ in 1976 and again when the party was re-elected in 1981.

But it later turned against the PQ when Mr Lévesque cut the wages of civil servants for three months in an effort to bring the provincial deficit under control.

The lingering bitterness of that decision – which caused widespread wildcat strikes by public service unions – is reflected in the PQ's loss of all seven seats in Quebec city, where the majority of provincial civil servants are located.



Mr Robert Bourassa greeting Liberal supporters after his party's landslide victory in the Quebec elections. He lost his seat but will ask one of the winning Liberals to stand down.

Heseltine irons out Star Wars details

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, sorted out the final details of the Star Wars agreement with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, at yesterday's meeting of Nato's defence ministers in Brussels.

Although "he has not brought his gold-plated pen with him", according to one of his officials, and will not therefore be signing the agreement, the launching of British participation in the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) research programme was discussed, as were the areas of work, the preservation of "intellectual property" and the date of signature.

General Cornelius de Jager, the chairman of the military committee who had reported to Nato defence ministers, said that progress in the American programme was being kept under review by his committee.

● WASHINGTON: The Pentagon has selected McDonnell Douglas Astronautics to design and test a new Star Wars missile interceptor for destroying incoming nuclear warheads (Mohsin Ali writes).

Defence officials said that research work on the projectile would take five years, with testing expected in the final two years.

The programme envisages the building of an advanced missile that could be launched from the ground at enemy warheads that made it through other layers of a Star Wars defence system below 300,000ft.

China acts to cool students' anger

From Mary Lee, Peking

When Peking University students staged an anti-Japanese demonstration last September, Communist Party leaders reacted with sympathy and described their action as "patriotic." This sympathy changed to concern after the protests spread to other cities and wall posters appeared in campuses criticizing not only Japanese militarism but also price increases, corruption and lack of democracy.

With an important anniversary of student activism coming up on December 9, the authorities have mobilized the propaganda machine to emphasize the role students should play in the country's modernization by studying and working hard. Commentaries have also appeared in recent days acknowledging that some of the students' complaints about price rises were justified, but that these were inevitable teething pains in the reform process.

In an unusual move the officially controlled press carried a hitherto unpublished, 46-year-old speech of Chairman Mao Tse-tung on Sunday, in which he maintained that "the young students now understand more and are much wiser at their age than we were".

However, the speech, which the newspapers said was made in 1939 to commemorate the December 9 "Patriotic Students Movement", also emphasized that the party has "integrated itself with young students and intellectuals since its inception and that only by following the party could (such people) embark on the correct road."

Diplomats say the present student unrest is directed at the government. The students see the "second Japanese invasion", which has led to a $4,000 million trade deficit for the first nine months of 1985, as a result of the open-door policy, while price reforms have hit them in two important areas: food and books. To cope with price rises, university canteen are serving poorer quality food, while the publishing industry, in pursuit of profit as part of the economic reforms, prefers to print best-sellers rather than textbooks, which are now harder to obtain

Diplomats saw the recent dispatch of party officials to campuses throughout China as an attempt to quell student discontent and meet their demands for direct contact.

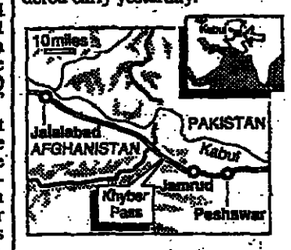
Students are told regularly to trust and follow the leadership of the party. This contrasts dramatically with a poster at Peking Universtity last September, under the red-ink heading "Blood, blood, blood", which declared: "Our blood is no longer hot, but (has) cooled down. After all, what have we got? Police (i.e. authoritarianism) and refridgerators (Japanese goods)."

Pakistan tanks quell rebel chiefs

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

A Pakistani military operation using tanks and artillery in the Khyber district against tribal chiefs allegedly receiving material and moral support from the Kabul regime, has succeeded, it was claimed here.

Although confirmation about the military operation was available here in official circles, the size of the force which halted the rebellious tribal chiefs, notably Malik Wali Khan Kokikhel, was not known. Sources indicated, hwever, that the Pakistani forces had bombed houses in the area to subdue anti-Pakistan elements. Unofficial reports had said that a large number of tanks have been moved into the Khyber district and that artillery had been mounted on hilltops, warning about 16 tribal chiefs, who were allegedly receiving large amounts of weapons, including the highly valued Kalashinkovs, to surrender to the Pakistani authorities by sunset yesterday. Two of the tribal chiefs apparently surrendered early yesterday.



It is not known if there were casualties in the operation.

Efforts to seek an official account of the operation and its details on telephone from Peshawar, the capital of the North West Frontier Province, which serves as the base for controlling the tribal belt, met with little success.

The activities of several tribal chiefs on the Pakistan side of the border with Afghanistan have apparently been causing serious concern for sometime to that Pakistani authorities. A Pakistani newspaper reported the defection of Sardar Ataullah Kokikhel, son of Malik Wali Khan Kokikhel, and of Malik Gul Hameed Shinwari of the same area, to Afghanistan.

The newspaper report also claimed that defunct Pakistani political parties, the National Democratic Party and the Pakistan National Party, composed largely of Pakhtoon leaderships, had begun organizing themselves in the tribal belt, allegedly to mobilize support for the Afghanistan revolutionary regime.

● KARACHI: Armed troops patrolled Karachi's Lyari district yesterday and a 24-hour curfew was imposed after thousands of people protested that police had failed to solve a series of the so-called "hammer" murders (AP reports).

Rioting flared on Monday night after residents took to the streets to protest about the murders on Saturday of seven members of a family who all had their heads crushed in a manner similar to a series of other murders in Pakistan, blamed on a group called the "hammer gang" because of the way the victims were killed.

Vatican gears up for third millennium

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Leading prelates working under the chairmanship of Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, have prepared an ambitious programme for acceptance by the Vatican's special synod of bishops. This includes 10-year evangelization plan to begin in 1990 and bring the Roman Catholic Church to a high point of renewed activity for the opening of a third millennium.

This was one of 10 proposals to emerge from the first of the two English-language working groups. All of these various groups reported yesterday to a plenary session and their proposals must now be considered and a decision taken on what to do with them.

Cardinal Hume's group of 23 prelates opened its report with a unanimous expression of total adherence to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and recommended its continued study.

The main task of this synod was to review the application of the Vatican Council's teaching in the 20 years since its conclusion.

Another proposal was for openness within the church. "It must be recognized all the baptised bear the responsibility for evangelization and so within the Church there must be communication, dialogue and mutual understanding. Lay organizations are important and women should assume rightful responsibility in decision-making."

Lung cancer rise among US women a 'tragedy'

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

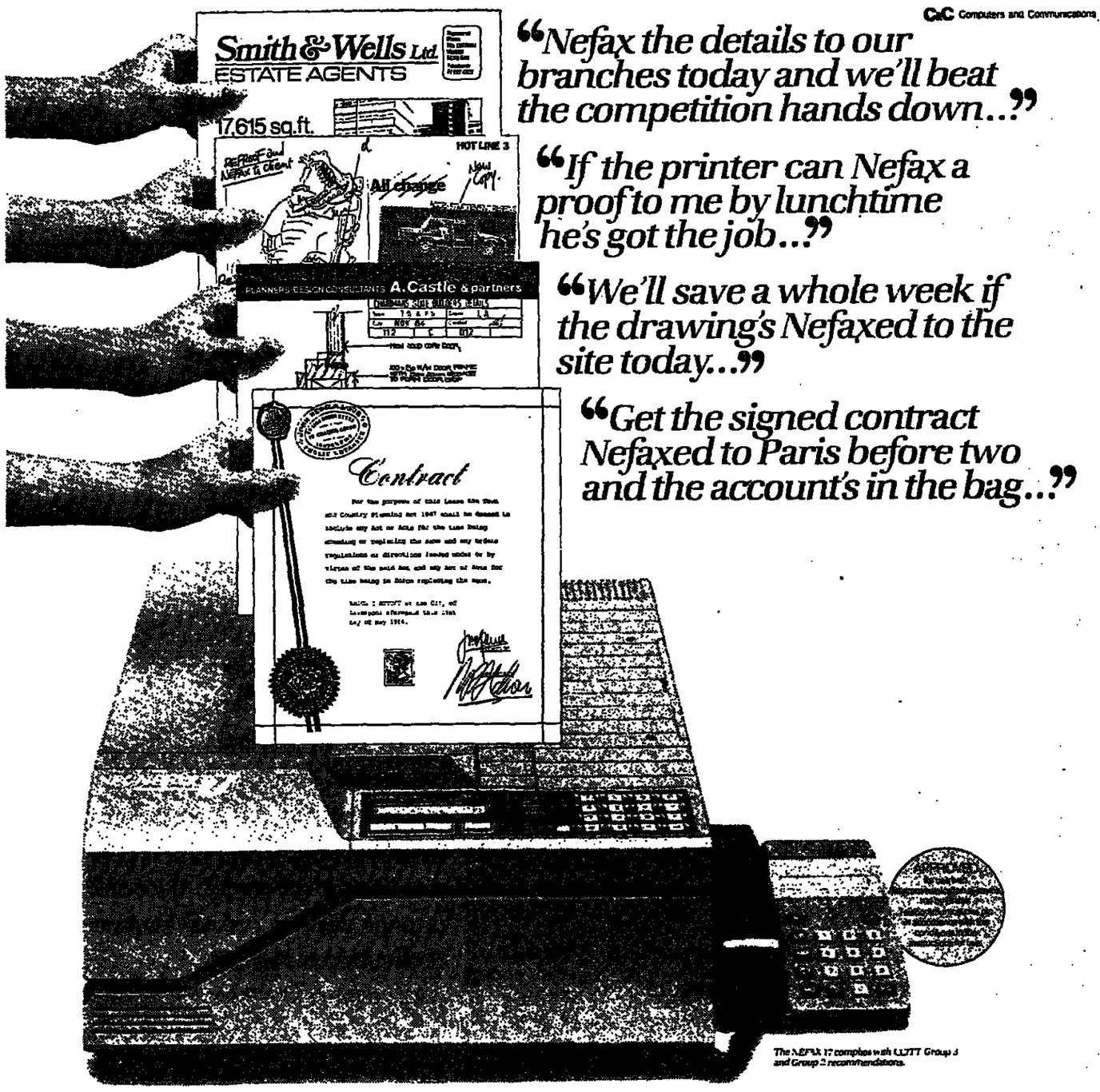
Lung cancer in white American men has fallen for the first time in 50 years, but the disease is increasing in women.

The figures for white men are called a "milestone" by the National Cancer Institute, reporting a decline in new cases from 82.7 per 100,000 in 1982 to 79.3 in 1983. The decrease is attributed to a decrease in smoking among men since the Government's first warning of a link between cigarettes and disease in 1964.

But the increase in figures for women are "a tragedy" said Dr Vincent DeVita, director of the institute. Lung cancer is expected to overtake breast cancer this year as the principal fatal cancer among women.

Lung cancer is the main cause of cancer deaths in the United States, accounting for 27 per cent of the total.

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Mrs Aquino throws down gauntlet to Marcos as row grows over Ver trial

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Mrs Corazon Aquino, widow of the murdered opposition leader Benigno Aquino, told cheering supporters yesterday that she would challenge President Marcos in February's election.

Mrs Aquino's long-expected announcement came a day after the Philippines military chief, General Fabian Ver, and 25 others were acquitted of any involvement in her husband's murder two years ago.

General Ver, on his first day back in command after reinstatement by Mr Marcos three hours after the acquittal, announced the retirement or reassignment of 50 senior officers in a big reorganization of the armed forces.

The general and the service chiefs met privately with President Marcos, who later announced the formation of six more battalions to fight the growing communist insurgency.

General Ver's reinstatement is seen as a face-saving exercise and he is likely to retire within several months, diplomats say.

Mrs Aquino, embittered by the acquittals, has launched headlong into a political fight against the man she believes ordered the murder of her husband, who was considered the chief opponent of Mr Marcos.

"I hereby affirm my candidacy and confirm my willingness to be selected to serve our people as President of the Republic of the Philippines," she said yesterday.

Her decision come hours after Mr Marcos signed a Bill setting February 7 as election day. The Bill, tailor-made for Mr Marcos by the government-dominated National Assembly, allows the President, who has been in power for 20 years, to run for another six-year term without first having to step down.

The assembly approved the Bill late on Monday before declaring a 69-day recess.

The Bill's legality was immediately challenged by the Philippine Bar Association and 11 MPs, who petitioned the Supreme Court to declare it unconstitutional and invalid.

In a letter to Parliament last month, Mr Marcos said his resignation would be effective only after the winner had been declared and sworn in.

Mrs Aquino said yesterday that she was "flabbergasted" by General Ver's quick return as head of the armed forces. His reinstatement – he had been on leave throughout the trial – and the acquittals were attacked as a whitewash by opposition groups and human rights lawyers.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Archbishop of Manila, said: "It seems that an historic opportunity to restore the credibility of government, to satisfy our people's aspiration for truth and justice, was lost."

He noted that the three judges, all Marcos appointees, rejected entirely the findings of a civilian commission of inquiry last year that Aquino's murder was a military conspiracy and that the assassin was a soldier.

On Monday the court ruled that the assassin was Rolando Galman, an alleged communist gunman, who acted alone.

Mrs Aquino, asked yesterday if she would reopen the trial if elected, said: "I am not out to seek vengeance; all I want is justice."

She conceded she was politically inexperienced, as claimed by supporters of her rival opposition candidate, Mr Dalvador "Doy" Laurel.

"That is true. But we all know experience is not the answer. Here is a man (Mr Marcos) who has all the experience and look what is happening to our country."

"I have offered the vice-presidency to Doy and he said he would think about it," Mrs Aquino said. "He has not given his answer."

Two opposition candidates would split the vote and almost certainly assure Mr Marcos of an easy victory.

● WASHINGTON: Anger in Congress continued to grow yesterday over the acquittal of General Ver, plunging US-Philippine relations into a new crisis (Christopher Thomas writes).

The Administration, too, is dismayed at the outcome of the case and at General Ver's reinstatement.

At least one senior Congressman is pressing for a ban on military aid until General Ver is removed.

Senator Richard Lugar, Republican chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said the ruling did not contribute to the crying need for credibility in the Philippines Government.

Novice's challenge, page 14



Mrs Aquino (centre) being congratulated yesterday by former senator Lorenzo Tanada and former Supreme Court judge Cecilia Munos Palma after deciding to run for the presidency.

Briton says he is 'happy' over yacht killing

Nicosia (AP) – A Briton who confessed shooting dead an Israeli yachtsman declared in a statement read in court yesterday that he was "totally happy and satisfied" he had done something for the Palestinian cause.

Ian Michael Davison, aged 22, a carpenter, from South Shields, is on trial with two Palestinians for the murder of three Israelis – two men and a woman – on board a yacht in the Larnaca marina in south Cyprus last September.

In his statement, Davison said: "We agreed to kill them because they were our enemies and worked with the Israeli intelligence against the Palestinian people." He added: "I am totally happy and satisfied with myself that I have done something specific for the Palestinian case."

The statement said Davison killed one of the Israeli men with two shots to the back of the head. One of the Palestinians had shot the other man.

The two Palestinians accused are: Khalid Abdul Kadin Al-Khatid, aged 28, a student, with a Syrian passport and Abdul Hakim Saado Al-Khalifa, aged 29, a labourer with a Jordanian passport.

As his statement was read out by a police officer, Davison, who has grown a short-clipped ginger beard since his surrender, sat hunched in the dock.

The hearing has adjourned until this morning.

Spanish air controllers confirm strike plans

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spain's air traffic controllers, grouped in the biggest of three professional organizations, have confirmed their decision to go ahead with nine days of pre-Christmas strikes beginning on Saturday.

A government offer on Monday night of small pay increases has failed to win them over.

The Government estimates that with increases and back pay already offered the controllers would next year be earning about £9,000 a year.

The impact of last month's stoppages was lessened when the Government decreed that minimum services must be maintained. Two other unions, accounting for almost half of the country's controllers, have said that they will work normally.

The strike dates set are December 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 20.

● PARIS: A third terminal is to be built at Charles de Gaulle Airport, north of Paris, M Pierre Marion, president of the Aeroports de Paris has announced (Diana Geddes writes). Work on the £80 million building is to begin next year with a target date of 1994 for completion.

The terminal will receive up to five million passengers a year, increasing the airport's capacity by a quarter.

Lebanon cash crisis

New notes a hollow boost to ill economy

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

A few weeks ago, one of the Middle East Airlines' ponderous old Boeing 707s flew into Beirut international airport on a scheduled flight from London with a six-ton cargo of cash. De La Rue's printing works had just produced the latest financial drip-feed for Lebanon's collapsing economy; and there, next to Runway 1-8, the Lebanese Army was waiting to collect it.

Stashed in boxes, the brand-new bank notes were loaded into armoured personnel carriers. The Army's Sixth Brigade had brought along heavy machine-guns, rocket launchers and even a couple of Saladins to guard the cash on its four-mile journey to the Central Bank in Hamra Street.

However, it was not until the powerful little convoy actually left the airport runway that the real protectors of the national treasury revealed themselves, four scruffy youths in combat jackets holding AK47 rifles, waiting to climb on board one of the vehicles. They travelled into Beirut perched atop an armoured personnel carrier with the government troops sitting meekly beside them. Nor was anyone surprised: if Lebanon's economy has to be defended by the Army, the Army has to be defended by the local militias.

It is not just a question of erosion of power. The legitimate state authorities in Lebanon long ago forsook even the basic governmental duty of raising taxes. So many illegal ports have now been built by the Christian and Muslim militias that the Finance Ministry believes the private armies are now collecting taxes worth more than £175 million sterling that should rightfully have gone to central government funds. Every militia in the country – Christian Phalangist, Shia Muslim "Amal", Druze, Palestinian, pro-Syrian and pro-Israeli – now levies its own taxes on shopkeepers and businessmen.

The inflation rate is officially said to be around 70 per cent a year: most people believe it is well over 100 per cent and bound to go higher. In many areas of the country, the most basic services are effectively free of charge.

If corruption and smuggling permeate Lebanon's financial affairs to an unprecedented degree, however, the civil war militias have ironically become a mainstay of the economy. Many of the leftist Muslim groups are paid in dollars by other Arab states while Mr Yassir Arafat channels millions of US dollars – funds given him by the Saudis – into Lebanon to buy the continued loyalty of his PLO guerrillas. The Syrian Army, whose troops are spread across more than a quarter of the country, generates its own economy. Militias have meanwhile initiated their own housing projects, hotels and businesses which in turn replenish Lebanon's depleted financial resources.

In one sense, therefore, an end to the Lebanese conflict would bring almost as many financial problems as it would solve. Yet as long as hostilities continue, so Lebanon's economy is going to decline.

Merely to rebuild the towns and cities of Lebanon is going to cost £15 billion sterling, and foreign economists say that three-quarters of this figure will have to come from foreign aid.

Mr Camille Chamoun, the octogenarian Finance Minister, now talks about the structure of the state "collapsing" under the economic crisis. The course of this collapse parallels the political fortunes of the country. The Lebanese pound was most buoyant when the American-organized multinational force was in Beirut. And with the departure of the last marines came the end of economic as well as political hope for many Lebanese investors.

Liverpool fan 'held in straitjacket'

A Liverpool football fan arrested in Brussels at the end of the Liverpool-Juventus match in May needed three double doses of Valium and a straitjacket before police could control him, a court was told.

Three officers tried to restrain James McGill, aged 21, after he attacked an Italian fan, it was claimed, he was so frantic that he was taken to a hospital's psychiatric ward.

McGill, of Grisedale Road, Liverpool, denied to judges in Brussels on Monday charges of assaulting the Italian and a Spaniard with an iron bar, and possessing an offensive weapon.

He told the court that the assaults had been carried out by another fan leaving the Heysel stadium, where 39 people died in rioting.

McGill, who has been awaiting trial in prison for six months, is the last of the Liverpool supporters arrested at the time to come before the court. Judge Michelle Berleymont reserved a decision until December 30.

McGill was said to be drunk and completely uncontrollable when police tried to arrest him. It was claimed that his Italian victim was in a coma for 50 days and was saved only by the skill of a brain surgeon.

High-level US team for Hanoi

Hanoi (Reuter) – The United States wants to send a delegation to Hanoi on December 16 for top-level talks on Americans missing in action in the Vietnam war, a Vietnamese spokesman said yesterday.

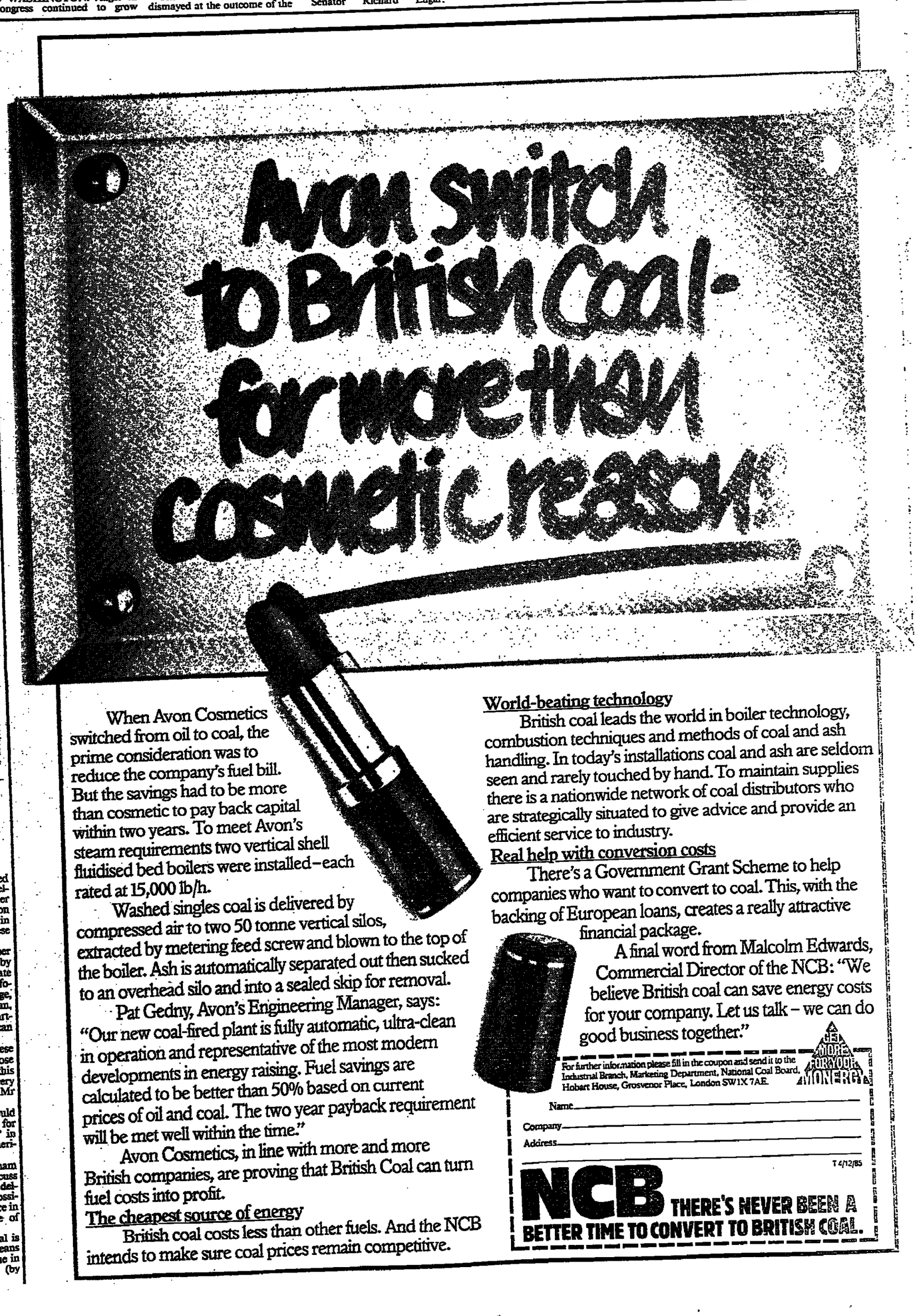
The proposed six-member delegation is to be headed by Assistant Secretaries of State and Defence, Dr Paul Wolfowitz and Mr Richard Armitage, according to Mr Tran Hoan, director of Vietnam's Department of North American Affairs.

"As head of the Vietnamese office in charge of seeking those missing in action, I can say this high-level meeting will be very useful – and necessary," Mr Hoan said.

He said the meeting "would create favourable conditions for co-operation by both sides" in accounting for the 1,797 Americans missing in Vietnam.

Mr Hoan said Vietnam would be prepared to discuss any issue raised by the delegation, including the possibility of setting up a US office in Hanoi to handle the issue of missing men.

"Our most important goal is agreement on ends and means measures to resolve the issue in two years as scheduled (by Hanoi)," he said.



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THE ARTS

Opera: Jonathan Miller returns to the stage tonight with Don Giovanni. Interview by John Higgins

Doctor of Erotology

For the next year at least Dr Jonathan Miller will be absent from Sussex University, where he has been researching into cognitive psychology. His particular area has been the relationship between speech and hand-movements and he has spent many an hour watching videos of people talking and gesturing. Hand movements tend to synchronize with the stress of speech. "Quite operatic, that", says Miller, with at least three gestures to accompany the statement.

He is now back with stage movements for ENO's new production of *Don Giovanni*, which opens tonight. So what then has brought him back to the opera, which he once threatened to forswear for ever, and indeed to the theatre, for after *Giovanni* he goes to Broadway to direct Jack Lemmon in *Long Day's Journey into Night*? The answer for Jonathan Miller is uncharacteristically simple:

"I missed the daily conviviality of rehearsal. It wasn't the bright lights. Directing anything on stage is a difficult and drudging job. But in research you contemplate yourself for twelve hours a day in solitude. I needed a break. But let it be said that *Giovanni* was in the schedule before I even started at Sussex."

The opera is designed by Philip Prowse, who previously worked with Miller in a highly distinguished *Zauberflöte* which has just returned to the Scottish Opera repertory. On stage are three tall revolving towers, coloured in what can only be called Prowsian slate-grey, illumined by some spectacularly hard lighting, of which Miller is rather proud, imported from Europe. They do not exactly look like Seville, but then Miller does not want them to look like Seville.

"If anything they resemble the back streets of Palermo. But really it is an eighteenth-century nowhere – and I stress eighteenth-century. I have never wanted to update Mozart. But I am certainly against exact topography, at least as far is *Don Giovanni* is concerned. Philip Prowse and I arrived at the idea of the towers together. Our tastes in travel are very similar: we both love the history of art and we both like to go abroad, give perhaps a lecture, and then return with a suitcase full of graphics and old postcards. The three towers stress that in *Don Giovanni* the characters are forever wandering the streets. With the exception of Giovanni himself they rarely go home."

There will be no statue of the Commendatore in this *Giovanni*. In part it is a matter of money: the budget for *Don Giovanni* was lopped in half by the ENO's forced economies. But Miller has no great taste anyhow for equestrian statues and finds the Commendatore's monument in the graveyard one of the most improbable elements in the opera. Instead he will have a tomb.

"I have always had an interest in funerary matters. One day I was in Notre-Dame and became much impressed by a tomb designed by Pigalle, which was absolutely terrifying. The Pigalle trail, with the help of one of my favourite shops in the Rue Jacob, led to another monument he devised in Strasbourg Cathedral, which depicts a maréchal stepping into a coffin welcomed by Death below while his daughter above tries to tug him back to life."

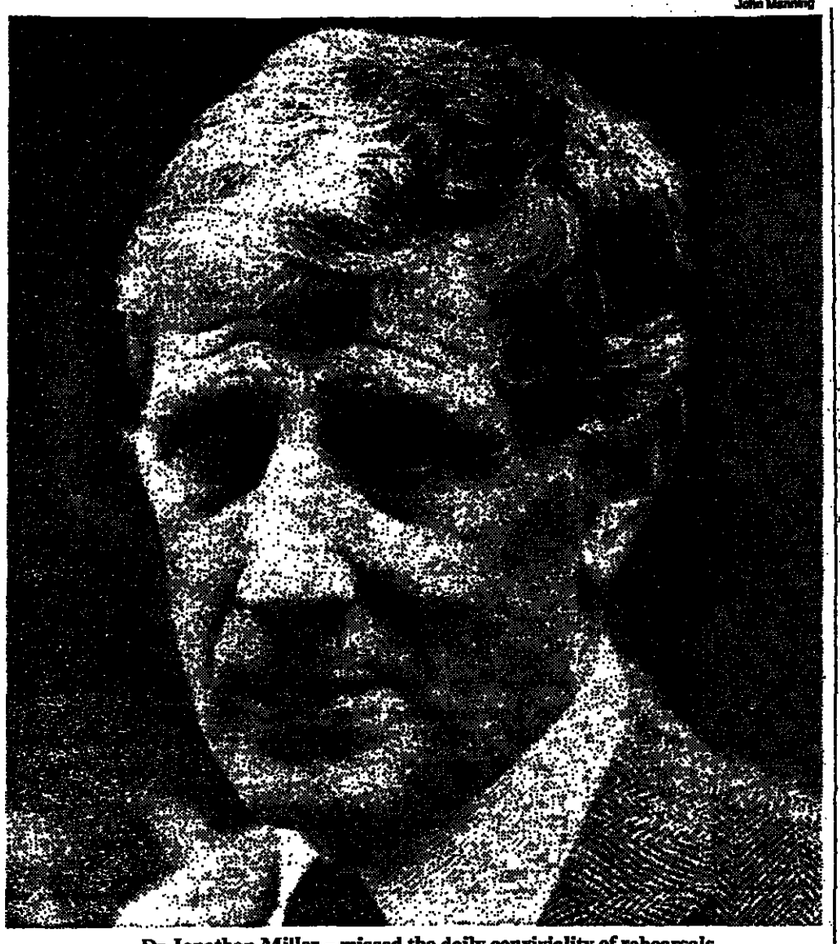
There is the Commendatore both sides of the grave, but what about Giovanni himself, on whom more words have been expended than probably any other character in opera? "In just one word, or rather two, Giovanni is an erotologist. If you make lust a full-time occupation, as he does, then it is very likely that your lust will be rewarded. Giovanni reckons that his mere presence will make women succumb. Remember that writing over the door in *Steppenwolf*: 'ALL WOMEN ARE YOURS'."

Or Giovanni's "Mi pare sentire odor di femmina" (I think I sniff a woman) early in the opera?

"Yes, exactly. For most of us the thrust of sexual lust must be fitted in to accommodate social life. Giovanni's tragedy is that he cannot do that. For this reason he has neither commitments nor obligations, which in a way is a kind of private hell. The other hell comes at the close, which is that of loss caused by the consequences of his actions and his own carelessness. A book called *My Secret Life* helped a lot – not Frank Harris's but the one mentioned by Steven Marcus in his study of Victorian pornography.

"Leporello by contrast is a failure. He is the voyeur, the child left outside the pub while his parents are enjoying themselves within. He can only bask in reflected glory – it's the 'I was Mae West's bouncer' syndrome. And for this reason the Catalogue Aria should never be jaunty, as it all too frequently is. As Leporello recites the list of Giovanni's conquests he realizes just what a squalid life he is leading."

John Manning



Dr Jonathan Miller – missed the daily conviviality of rehearsals

Miller sees the finale, which Victorian producers were apt to drop as being too frivolous an end to what can be viewed as a stern moral story, as both *modern and ironic*. "There is precious little happiness left behind. Anna has been robbed of a lover. Elvira has lost her life's meaning . . . Zerlina can no longer command Masetto's trust." Earlier the hand of Goya will be seen, as in several other productions of *Don Giovanni* before this one, but there will also be the less obvious presence of Luis Buñuel, the master, in Miller's eyes, of "the dark Catholic world where deep prohibitions fight deep passions with frequently jocose results".

And so to the opening scene, probably the most difficult to stage in the opera. Miller reckons that the first stage direction for Giovanni himself should be: *Enter, pursued by an avenging woman.*

John Higgins

Gallery: French painting of the Grand Siècle offers a rich variety of images and intimacy

Wilful artifice

Masterpieces of Reality

Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery

In the gloomy climate of winter and financial constraint, it is heartening that a hard-pressed local authority still has the courage and the energy to mount a bold exhibition of old master paintings which will both please lovers of good painting and intrigue the scholar. It is well worth the trip to the Museum and Art Gallery in Leicester, where more than 60 paintings have been gathered together from public and private collections in Britian (and one in Dublin), in a survey of French painting of the Grand Siècle. If *Masterpieces of Reality* is a misleading catch-all of a title – for wilful and imaginative artifice is everywhere apparent – the visitor will rather have an impression of the extraordinary and rich variety of artistic activity in that remote and baffling time and place.

The extremely hierarchical nature of French 17th-century society is expressed in its art and reflected in this exhibition. Philippe de Champaigne's magnificent portrait, "Cardinal Richelieu" (Royal Collection), dominates the gallery with an overblown grandeur that is as chilling in its effectiveness as it is impressive as a piece of self-conscious image-making. The Cardinal modestly identified himself with Hercules, and this is expressed in the energetic "Hercules and Diomedes" (Nottingham, Castle Museum) painted for him, and the work which effectively, and justifiably, made the artistic reputation of Charles Le Brun as a painter in the same class as the great Italian Baroque masters.

There are more intimate portraits by Champaigne, Claude Vignon and others, and large-scale mythological decorations by Simon Vouet, Le Brun and Eustache Le Sueur. A few of the exhibited works, attributed both to lesser names and the more celebrated, will give scholars something to argue about. All works are illustrated in the "exhibition book" (£14 from the Museum), compiled by the selector Christopher Wright, who has contributed essays, catalogue entries, and useful lists of all French 17th-century paintings known in public collections in Britain.

The concept of the exhibition was prompted by the discovery in 1981 of "The Choirboy" by Georges de La Tour, and its subsequent well-publicized acquisition by the museum in Leicester. It is joined for the exhibition by other works by La Tour and his circle, and a small group of lovely *tenebrist* paintings by other French artists who worked under the influence of Caravaggio.

The way these artists used artificial light selectively to emphasize and intensify certain passages of painting does give their work a greater sense of observed "reality" than, say, the more classicizing idealism of Poussin's figures or Claude's landscapes. But reality is an ever relative concept: for all that Champaigne's "Veil of St Veronica" (Brighton, Art Gallery) has a vivid sense of actuality, heightened by a chipped stone ledge and an illusionistic curtain drawn aside, the intensity and idealism of the image come from the transforming power of art.



Detail of The Holy Family with the Infant St John by Nicolas Poussin, rediscovered and cleaned

There are indeed several "masterpieces" here by the major names: Champaigne, Claude, Gaspard Dughet, Le Brun and the Le Nain brothers. *Although of these only the Le Nain*, arguably, might have in some sense approached reality in their paintings of simple rural households, yet even here the selective calm of their pictorial organization, and the mysterious gaze of their cast of characters, deny such a down-to-earth interpretation.

The exhibition includes a number of fine paintings previously unknown even to specialists: for example, a beautiful "Virgin and Child" from Burleigh House, by the *Dijon* artist Jean Tassel; an impressively monumental "Penitent St Peter" from Leamington Spa Art Gallery, signed by Champaigne.

With the exception of "The Choice of Hercules" from Stourhead, the works by or attributed to Poussin are in poor condition. Leicester's own newly rediscovered "Holy Family" is alas rather the shadow of what was once a significant late work by the master, although since its careful cleaning the general design still reads powerfully. The absence of a Poussin landscape is noticeable, and at least one of the great Belvoir Castle "Sacraments" would have been appropriate.

A vivid sensation of a more primitive nature is felt, however, in several strong landscapes by Poussin's brother-in-law, Gaspard Dughet, who gives the visitor to Leicester a sense of the wilder and more remote places in the Roman Campagna.

The National Gallery has lent its two lovely small Claudes, which were once in the collection of Sir George Beaumont at Coleorton, Leicestershire, where they were coveted by his protégé John Constable. Constable admired the "Landscape with a Goatherd" for its "breezy freshness", and indeed it nearly posed a threat to his blissful marriage, for he wrote to his wife from Coleorton that she had reason to be jealous of Claude: "If any thing could come between our love it is him".

Philip Conisbee

Television

Yukio Mishima once told a group of Western journalists that *hara kiri* was a great Japanese invention, which the West could not copy. Fifteen years after Mishima's ritual suicide in the Tokyo Army headquarters, the West is apparently ready to examine this writer's significance to his country and to the world. Last night's Arena (BBC 2) made by Michael Macintyre followed hard upon the recent feature film.

Mishima's life is full of contradictions, like his combination of mischievous spirit and high intent, which are superficially fascinating to Western observers, but for which this programme wisely sought no rational explanation. We were not invited to consider why, as an idealistic teenager who worshipped the Kamikaze pilots of the Second World War, he nevertheless faked illness to avoid joining the army; nor was any sentimental Anglo-Saxon morality applied to his simultaneous pursuit of purity and degradation.

Mishima himself fluently expounded his belief for a Western audience in extended footage from archive interviews. "In Japanese tradition, the sense of beauty is always connected with death", he explained. The programme could have been improved by a deeper analysis of this cultural context, without which Mishima is often judged in the West as merely a writer of genius who was finally destroyed by the need to act out his own sado-masochistic fantasies.

It was also made clear that this philosopher and figurehead of an imperial revival was always swayed by a very Western craving for notoriety. "Human life is limitied; I would like to live forever", were his last written words, committed to paper while he was telephoning news editors around the Far East to assure maximum media coverage for his carefully planned death.

Some of his contemporaries, including his biographer, Henry Scott Stokes, criticized this flaw alleging that Mishima "over-existed" and so excited the scorn of many of those whose good opinion he sought, by violating the traditional ideal of self-effacement. One final contradiction now stands between this champion of traditional Japanese values and acceptance as a national hero – the fact that he once criticized the Emperor.

Celia Brayfield

Video piracy plunges to new depths David Robinson reports



Revisionist Rambo

Video piracy is booming in the Middle East. The current issue of *Variety* reports that it is now a multi-million dollar racket which threatens cinemas throughout the region with extinction. In Cyprus alone there are some 600 illegal video shops. The manager of one of these, boasting that he carries 6,000 titles, told *Variety* that the trade is able to flourish thanks to lax government enforcement of international copyright conventions throughout the Middle East.

Appeals from the Motion Picture Association of America and film producers' groups in other countries have so far fallen on deaf ears. Meanwhile the pirates can buy master tapes of recent successes on the black market for under $100 – one thirtieth of the legitimate price.

One of the most surprising recent hits on this market has been *Rambo – First Blood*, whose virulent anti-Communism and depiction of Russian soldiers as bestial torturers, would hardly seem appropriate fare for countries like Syria, with strong Soviet connections.

The bizarre answer is that the video pirates have drastically revised the film by means of subtitles, in French and Arabic. In the regular English-language version of the film, the American super-hero returns to Vietnam on a mission to rescue forgotten GI prisoners from the fiendish 'Cong. In the subtitled version however the action is put back forty years to 1943, and shifted from Vietnam to the Philippines, whither Rambo returns to rescue Japanese prisoners of the Second World War. The nuclear-age weaponry shown in the film appears to present no problem of credibility to Middle Eastern audiences.

Variety quotes as an example of the subtitling techniques the translation of the line, addressed by a soldier comrade to Sylvester Stallone as Rambo: "You made a hell of reputation for yourself in 'Nam". This is rendered, with helpful annotation, for its audiences as "You made quite a name for yourself in Guadalcanal (scene of a major Pacific battle during World War II)". Presumably Steven Berkoff and his murderous gang of European soldiers who turn up in the jungle are now explained away as Japan's German allies; though it must demand some pretty specious subtitling to explain away the red stars that decorate their caps.

Concerts

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli

Royal Festival Hall

At last he is back. After Covent Garden and South Bank absences Giuseppe Sinopoli returned to his engagements with another son to his name, and with plenty of exuberance to go with the occasion. His date this time was with Brahms, and in the Fourth Symphony, at least, they seemed rather good for each other.

Brahms's length, particularly in the slow movement, stretches Sinopoli's tendency to short-sightedness: while Sinopoli's dissecting ear works hard on Brahms's colliding rhythms and angles. Sometimes too hard: I was not entirely convinced by the polarities of aggressive energy and pools of sinking rubato he set up in the passacaglia's variations. But his enlivening of upbeat and offbeat, his pointing of each note and pair of notes in the scherzo, certainly had a bracing effect on both the work and the orchestral playing, not otherwise at its best last night.

There were times when the momentum Sinopoli generated by his amassing of parts was threatened by his reluctance, still, to support the structure he had created at its soaring arches. This tendency to undernourishment more than once called to mind Brahms's self-deprecatory remark about cherries never getting ripe for eating in those parts . . .

One of the positive pleasures was the energy and authority with which things fell into place, fully achieved, in recapitulation. Everything, it seemed, had been waiting for this moment, this performance. What went before was less happy. The concert had started with an extended downbeat in an ill-prepared performance of Bruch's Violin Concerto by Christopher Warren-Green, the Philharmonia's leader. The opening unfolded perversely slowly, as if to persuade himself of a stability which was never to return except under the guise of a tight-throated external control. It was an arid half-hour, tense with the sense of playing against rather than with the music.

The Andante-Adagio from Mahler's Tenth Symphony, a disembodied limb stuck in the middle of the concert, was played with a near-Schoenbergian stretching of the sinews: an interesting exercise in cueing, angles, and sightlines, but with too little projection of the purpose behind its drama.

Hilary Finch

Ustad Ali Akbar Khan

Queen Elizabeth Hall

There were red and yellow chrysanthemums, streamers of incense, and four huge speakers on stage: Ustad Ali Akbar Khan, *sarod*, and Swapan Chawdhuri, *tabla*, were giving the last concert of this year's autumn festival, presented by The Academy of Performing Arts and Music.

"Ranjayat iti Ragah", goes the Sanskrit saying: "That which colours the mind is a raga."

In the first half of their concert of North Indian classical music, the South Bank intercom relayed its own unsympathetic vibrations to the sympathetic resonances of the *sarod's* 25 metal strings. But gently cursing the invisible voices, Khan and his plectum, and the dumming fingertips of Chawdhuri turned the intrusion to witty interchange in what was a particularly active and exuberant *raga*.

This *Bageshvari Kanda*, a *raga* of battle, peace and joy, had taken some getting into, what with noise and unease in the exploratory *alap*, and some tension during the beginning of the expository *gat*. But as soon as Chawdhuri's fingers had felt their way into the skin of his drums, increasingly complex, even audacious knots of rhythmic division and sub-division were tied and untied, as each *tala*, or rhythmic cycle, stimulated virtuosity from both performers, and rapture from their audience.

Sublimity apart, the very end of the concert, a potpourri of light *ragas*, saw *sarod* and *tabla* put microtone and glissando behind them for an outrageously daring game of imitative catch-me-if-you-can which was entirely irresistible.

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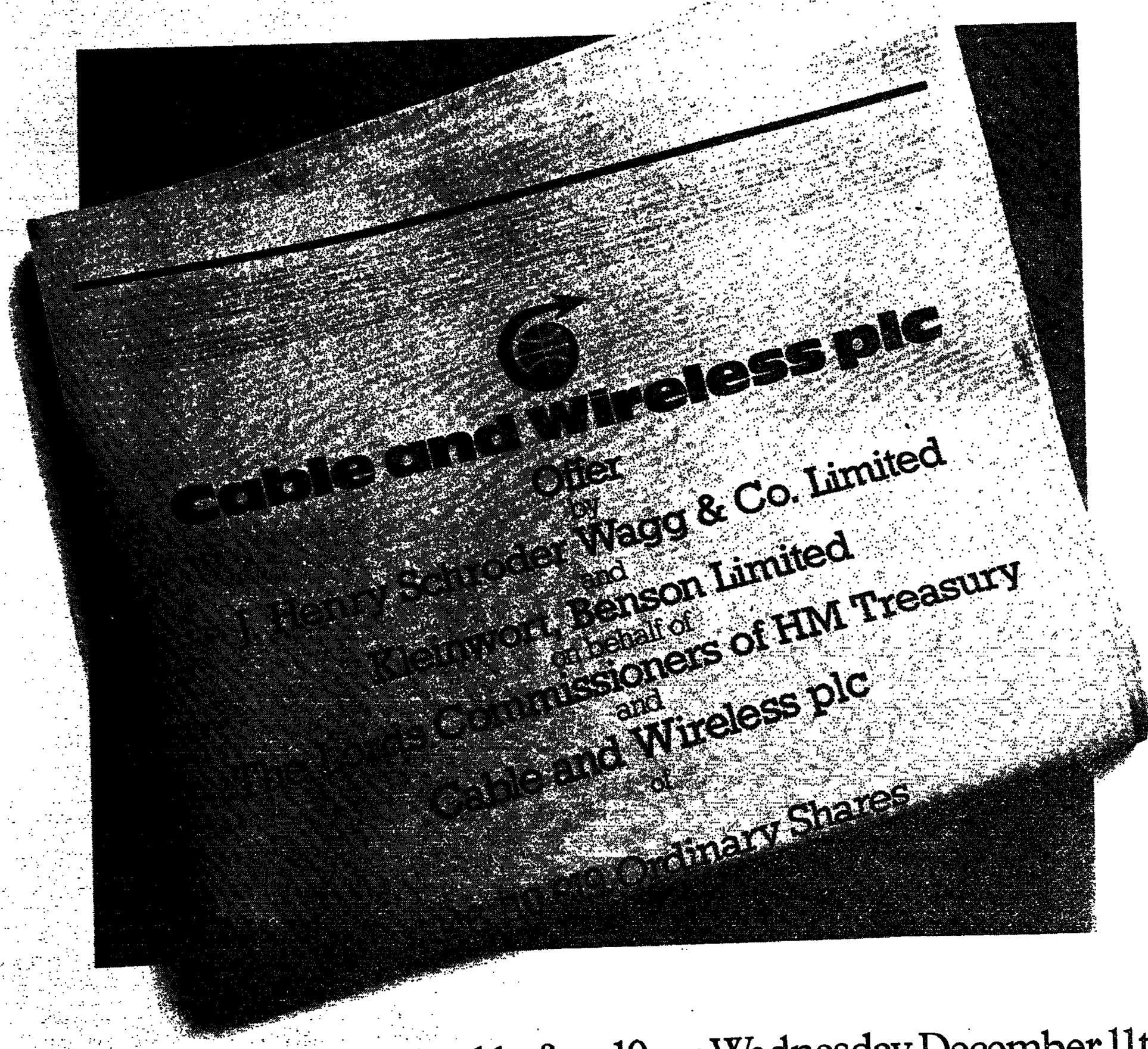
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This £8.1m painting is at the centre of a controversy. **Geraldine Norman**, Sale Room Correspondent, reports

Mantegna's 'Magi': fine art or forgery?

At two o'clock this afternoon a public lecture will be given in Dundee to demonstrate that the "Adoration of the Magi" by Mantegna, now hanging in the National Gallery of Scotland, is a forgery.

The painting was bought for £8.1 million by the J. Paul Getty Museum of Malibu, California, at Christie's last April. It was the highest price ever paid for a painting at auction. The Arts Minister, however, delayed the issue of an export licence to give Scotland a chance to match the price and keep it in Britain. Tim Clifford, director of the National Gallery of Scotland, has found more than half the price but needs to raise the remainder by December 11, when the delay on export is lifted.

This week Peter Collins, who is giving the lecture, is Clifford's bête noir. A Royal Scottish Academician and senior lecturer in drawing and painting at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee, he has devoted the last five months to developing his argument against the painting.

The 50-year-old lecturer has been inspired by Christopher Wright, the art historian whose campaign against he Georges de La Tour "Fortune Teller" in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, has lasted more than a decade. Wright dubbed as forgeries another dozen pictures to support his case and Collins is doing a similar hatchet job on Mantegna's ocuvre. Few people believe Wright's theory and no one agrees with Collins so far. This afternoon's lecture is summarized here for the first time.



Faking by numbers? 'Adoration of the Magi', now on show in the National Gallery of Scotland



❶There is no evidence that any Chinese porcelain had reached Italy at the date of the painting (c. 1500).

❷ Metal vessel looks like a 19th-century hookah base.

❸ Fur used in collar and cap looks like ocelot, which was only known in Europe after the discovery of America.

❹ Turbans of the Magi are caricatures; Mantegna would have seen real turbans on the quays of Venice and known better.

❺ Mantegna did not otherwise depart from the traditional shawl head dress for the Virgin; this turban is most improbable.

❻ The Virgin's robe appears to have a lapel.

❼ The figure of Caspar is borrowed from Mantegna's triptych in the Uffizi, Florence.

❽ The figure of Melchior is based on St Paul in the San Zeno altarpiece in Verona.

The case against

Peter Collins concludes the painting to be a forgery because the "circumstantial evidence of an intention to deceive is overwhelming". Having decided that the painting is not up to Mantegna, this evidence rules out the less sensational proposition that the picture could be by a contemporary or follower.

He favours the idea of it being a 19th-century forgery and flirts with the theory that it may be the work of an Italian restorer called Bianchi, who is known to have worked on Mantegna's Camera degli Sposi frescos in Mantua in the 1870s.

So late a date requires a new explanation for the existence of seven or so copies of the picture, hitherto considered the work of 16th-century admirers or followers of Mantegna. Collins dubs them all forgeries, all from the same hand. If a forger has learnt to paint one picture, he argues, it becomes easy to repeat himself and sell several versions.

The attack on the "Adoration" itself comes from many different directions. It is highly suspicious that none of the figures overlap each other, apart from Caspar in the foreground. Mantegna was not normally afraid to tackle complexities of composition – this is the type of simplification to be expected from a schoolchild.

The gifts brought by the kings in the picture are out of period. Caspar is holding a blue and white bowl which Collins says is Yuan period (1260-1368), and which Christie's called Ch'eng Hua (1465-1487). Collins asserts that there is no evidence that Chinese porcelain of this type had reached Italy by 1500.

Melchior's gift was identified by Christie's as a censer of Turkish Tombak ware. Collins finds it most reminiscent of the 16th-century red jasperware vessels among the Medici treasures in Florence but worries over the shape so reminiscent of a minaret. He is not convinced that the shape is found in Islamic metalware of the period – though he has seen a remarkably similar 19th-century hookah base.

Moving on to the costume, he complains of the Virgin's robe having a lapel, while the fur of Caspar's collar and Balthazar's cap appears to be ocelot, which was only imported into Europe after the discovery of America. The fur, moreover, is treated with the careful realism characteristic of 17th-century Dutch or Spanish masters; when Mantegna treats fur, he formalizes it.

Then there are the turbans. In the first place, the kings take their hats off in front of the Virgin and Child in most "Adorations". Here they keep them on and their turbans are positive caricatures, so intricate are the folds. Mantegna must have seen turbans in Venice and depicts one correctly in the Uffizi "Adoration".

The Virgin should not be wearing a turban at all. In other, genuine paintings, Mantegna uses the conventional shawl-like headdress. There are two exceptions, which Collins immediately dismisses from the oeuvre.

Otherwise Collins stresses the similarities between the figures and those in other Mantegna compositions, suggesting that a forger borrowed them to suit his Mantegnesque purposes. Here he says, is the circumstantial evidence of an intention to deceive.

To prove that he is not alone in finding the picture puzzling, he quotes from a recent book which summarizes scholars' views of the picture: "Kristeller declares it to have been executed by Mantegna prior to 1457. Berenson regards it as a late work. Fiocco and Tietze-Conrat do not rule out the possibility of it being a Mantegna original, though Knapp does, at least as regards the actual execution. According to Venturi, whose view is partly shared by Cipriani, the picture is by Francesco Mantegna (the artist's son)". Such variation of opinion in itself casts doubt, since it highlights the fact that scholars have been puzzled.

The first half of the very long lecture is devoted to attacking the authenticity of similar Mantegna paintings – "religious works of cramped composition" as Collins describes them.

The "Presentation in the Temple" in Berlin is dismissed as a forgery. "The Holy Family with a female saint" in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, is removed from Mantegna but allowed as a possible Bonsignori. Finally, "The Holy Family" in Dresden shows, he says, the influence of Leonardo so strongly that it must be removed from Mantegna and given to Burne-Jones, the British Pre-Raphaelite. The fact that it belonged to Burne-Jones's friend, the artist Sir Charles Eastlake, is one reason for the attribution.

And how it fails

Mantegna is one of the greatest figures of the Italian Renaissance. Court painter to the Gonzagas of Mantua, he was famed for his almost sculptural treatment of figures, or "stony manner" – reflecting his debt both to Donatello and classical sculpture.

In this late painting, and other "cramped religious works", he is thought to be adapting the format of a classical carved relief to a picture. This explains the lack of overlap between the figures: there is no background depth for complexities of composition. He is working in only two planes.

The painting belonged to the Ashburton collection in the 19th century and was inherited by the present Lord Northampton. Until it was shown in the Gonzaga Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1981-82, few scholars had seen it. Most knew it only from a poor photograph taken in about 1900; this accounts for the careful hedging of their attributions to Mantegna.

The reason that this painting is generally considered to be a Mantegna original, rather than a copy, is the quality of execution. Since scholars saw the painting at the V&A no doubts have been expressed as to its authenticity. The other seven or so known versions are mostly so poor that it is inconceivable that a forger who could do one so well would make such dreadful repetitions.

Forgers, moreover, generally concentrate on paintings that have a fashionable following and important financial value. Early Italian painting – "Pre-Raphael" – has been out of fashion since the early 16th century. Its rediscovery and reassessment came about in the course of the 19th century – though big prices are a 20th-century phenomenon. The first pioneer was Edward Solly, an English merchant in Berlin who began collecting in about 1820 and ended by selling his superb collection to the Prussian government. The "Presentation in the Temple", which Collins dubs a forgery, came from Solly's collection. There would have been no financial advantage in forging such a picture.

Collins may have slipped up in dismissing the "Madonna of the Stonecutters" as a forgery. It shows a Madonna wearing a turban, which he contends to be unknown in a genuine Mantegna. The painting is documented from 1568 when it was recorded as a genuine Mantegna in Francesco dei Medici's collection in Florence.

He is also on dangerous ground in describing the fur collars and fur cap of the two kings as ocelot. The fur is too long, according to Joseph Links, the Queen's furrier; it is almost certainly from a genet, a type of spotted cat, used in Europe for trimming since the 6th century.

His argument that Chinese porcelain of the type depicted had not reached Italy can also be countered. The Museo degli Argenti in Florence has a Chinese dish that belonged to Lorenzo dei Medici, while it is recorded that the Sultan of Turkey gave the Doge of Venice a present of Chinese porcelains in the late 15th century.

The difficulty in identifying the precise type of porcelain may mean that Mantegna was reconstructing it from memory, having seen a treasured piece in Venice. However, no Yuan porcelain of this small size is recorded and the cup is too thin to fit with the chunky wares of that early dynasty.

The shape of Melchior's metalware gift and its identification could prove a red herring. It was common practice at this period to provide precious treasures with gold and silver mounts, both to embellish and help preserve them. This piece clearly has gold mounts, which could as well be Italian as Islamic.

As to the turbans, similar caps with scarves wrapped round them appear in many other paintings of the period.

The painting, which is in tempera on canvas, has sustained considerable paint losses over the years which have been restored in oil paint to its detriment. Enough of a beautiful original remains, however, to have sparked panegyrics from several great connoisseurs. For my money, it's genuine.

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Fellini, dancing back to a golden era

Age has mellowed Italy's movie master but has not dulled his spark, reports Peter Nichols

Federico Fellini was given the Venice Film Festival's Special Golden Lion recently in recognition of his career as a director, but he is about to unveil a new film that should show he is not yet, as he puts it, due for embalming.

He accepted the award, he says, "with a mixture of embarrassment and gratitude: embarrassment because an investiture of such prestige referring to a whole career has something about it of finality, as if there is nothing more to come". But he has another film in mind after *Ginger and Fred* and no plans at all to stop work in the more distant future.

Now 65, Fellini has lost nothing of his personal warmth. His conversation, for which he has always been famous, is as eloquent as ever, if a little calmer.

He is aware of age. "For so long I was usually one of the youngest of whatever group I was in, and suddenly I find I am usually one of the oldest. Look at your hair: it's still black!" But, with his grey cascade to his collar, he is, if anything, more physically authoritative than he was. Encountering him at his favourite restaurant, where heads turn naturally towards him, one would guess he was an orchestral conductor rather than a film director.

He claims not to be very good at discussing his own films but, luckily, *Ginger and Fred* is at that nearly-finished stage when he feels freer to speak of it. "All I have at the beginning is something vague in the mind, a certain intention, some ghosts circulating in the brain. To talk about the film then is dangerous in a different way because it is something which is trying to find its own road. And once the film is finished, there is no further point in talking about it."

Ginger and Fred is, in some ways, a homage to the pre-war American cinema. Fellini's wife Giulietta Masina and Marcello Mastroianni play an elderly couple who once had a modest song and dance act imitating Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.



Fond memories: Fellini and his wife, Giulietta Masina

Nostalgia is strong and is one of the supports of what Fellini says is a slight story. It revolves round the appearance of the couple in one of the endless popular television programmes that help to fill the Italian Sunday. Thus there is parody of the inflated television shows which bring together a haphazard string of singers, dancers, writers, politicians, scientists and animals – a satire which he regards as good natured.

The music is taken from such films as *Top Hat* and *Let's Dance*. He sees music, especially popular music, as a powerful element in nostalgia: "When we reach the end of our days, and we have to look back to decide what remains in the mind with most freshness and immediacy, it will be a tune. And the more simple it is, the more moving and lacerating it will be. And so there is a lot of this music – Berlin, Cole Porter – in *Ginger and Fred*."

He regards the American cinema of the 1930s and '40s as splendid in its ingenuousness, its desire to entertain, the spectacular effects and "its sense of craftsmanship, which is what I most admire. The director did not regard himself as a literary figure but as a narrator. He did not make films to save the world from itself but to produce entertainment. This basic honesty is lacking here. We are inclined to be both literary and missionary figures."

A message of a different kind marked his vain efforts at making this love of the pre-war American cinema a personal matter. He asked Groucho Marx several times to appear in one of his films. He invariably received the same reply: "I would love to but I cannot because my secretary is pregnant".

Fellini sees the ruinous effect of television on the cinema as something different from competition. "It is the constant attrition brought about by images of every kind, vomited into our homes 24 hours on 24.

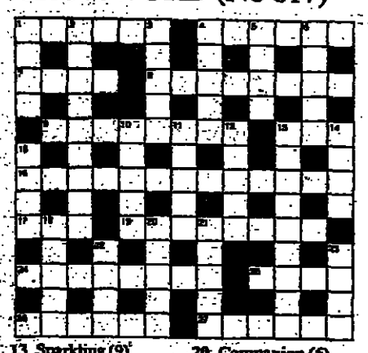
"For us, surely, the feminine myth was one of the great mainsprings of life. The cinema practically lived on the fascination of the great vamp, the star. And with her went an exotic atmosphere, landscapes. Now images mean nothing more: there are so many of them they are an avalanche, a great minestrone."

This, he says, is the real disaster. "Women are presented on television, thanks to the distortion imposed by advertising, as if they are something to eat. They are no longer something exquisitely feminine. They are treated the same way as hamburgers or, for that matter, nappies or stain-removers."

What happens now? "A young boy makes love standing on a street-corner, munching a pizza, a tin of beer in his hand, stereophones over his ears and his other hand on the girl's backside. And what used to take us a week takes him a quarter of an hour to finish everything – he has had a drink, something to eat, he has made love and is ready to jump back on to his motor bike."

Clearly *Ginger and Fred*, even if it has no intentional message, is seen by its creator as something of an antidote to our times.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Donald Cooper



Behind the chorus line

Endless auditions are a way of life for thousands of young dancers. Some will never even make it to the chorus line; others will start and finish their careers in the ensemble. Only a handful will ever earn a dressing room of their own.
But the dazzling dream of stardom keeps them struggling; the conviction that one day they will be plucked from the chorus and into the leading role.

Above are some of the lucky ones, eight of the 250 youngsters currently dancing and singing their hearts out in London's West End for an average £200 a week. As the Royal Shakespeare Company's highly successful musical Les Miserables reopens at the Palace Theatre tonight, members of its cast and those of 42nd Street, Cats and Starlight Express talk about life in the chorus.



Karen Clegg, 19, used to spend her dole money on cheap day returns to London to audition for every musical show that came to town. She would put on her stage make-up during the two-hour train journey from her home in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, and frequently wash it off with tears when she got home.

"A lot of the auditions are like cattle markets. Everyone gets shoved in together. Often they only want one person."

Karen played an orphan in the London musical, *Annie*, when she was 12. Then 16 months ago, after three auditions, she got into the chorus of *42nd Street*, becoming second understudy for the leading role of Peggy Sawyer, the chorus girl who becomes a star.

Karen's own fairy tale came true when Barbara King, the first understudy who took over the part, hurt her ankle.

A week later Barbara King returned and Karen was back in the chorus.

"It seemed odd to be sharing a dressing room with 11 other girls again. But I got used to it."



Alan Forrester, 32, from *42nd Street* was a late starter. He began dance classes at 22 while still working as a British Rail draughtsman. The only son of a former process worker from Erith, Kent, he admits: "In that sort of area young boys don't become actors".

Eventually he gave up his job, sold his car and took full-time dance classes, finally getting a job in the chorus of *Aladdin* in Edinburgh. "If I hadn't got that job – the fifth I'd gone for – I think I would have packed it in", he says.

Alan is also understudying the stage roles of the choreographer and stage manager. "Two years ago I resigned myself to the fact that I would never be a star, but things are happening now."



Sally Bentley, 30, got her first break when she was 17 and still at stage school. She was one of the harem in *Aladdin* at Great Malvern and has worked on and off ever since. "I think there must be some sort of masochistic streak in us all or I don't know why we keep going to auditions", she says.

She has been with *Cats* for nearly three years, first as an understudy, then as a cat. "So much involves being in the right place at the right time. If your face fits, you're half way there.

"I don't think you would be in this business if you weren't ambitious, because you get put down so often", she says. "Even so, some people are more ambitious than others. You make sure you don't get in their way.

"I've often gone home in tears after a show. Some directors and choreographers have a habit of knocking you so far down that you think you're dire.

"I think what keeps you going is the hope that someone will see the show and pick you out and change your life for ever."



Michael Rheinhart, 22, has been with *Cats* for six months, taking over from anyone in the ensemble who is sick. One memorable night he sang five different parts. Michael, a former junior European skating champion, took up dancing at 17, much to the disappointment of his father, a leading German shipowner and manufacturer, who hoped he would go into the family business.

He admits that the casting couch is still in active use when it comes to getting parts – but it helps the boys more than the girls.

"I've been propositioned quite a few times", he says. "I've been invited for breakfast in Paris and to lunch and dinner by various directors and choreographers and I've lost quite a few jobs because I've refused.

"A well-known director in America kept me in his private house for a month and I felt really trapped and became mentally ill. In the end it turned out that he couldn't even get me a working permit.

"I would never sleep with anyone unless I really liked them," he added.

"The worst thing about the profession is the auditions. Sometimes you get so many people on stage that everyone ends up kicking you."



Nick Lloyd's contract says he is in the chorus of Andrew Lloyd Webber's roller-skating spectacular, *Starlight Express*, but he actually plays Bo-Bo the French Train. "I'd like to think I'm progressing", he says. Nick, 26, from Worcester, got into the Italia Conti stage school, London, at 16. He arrived with his suitcase and nowhere to stay.

The English teacher took pity on him and took him in for a few days before he moved into a hostel with cockroaches in the kitchen and a room-mate with smelly feet.

He spent three years with the Second Generation dance group, then did some television work before joining the Stutz Bearcats pop group at the age of 22.

He is married to a dancer, has a three-month-old son and lives in a terraced cottage in Surbiton, Surrey. "I've never thought about giving up", he says. "Now I'm trying to get a lead role. You're always going to get something eventually. That's what keeps you going.

"I've got myself a house, a family and I'm earning a good wage – that to me is successful."



Rose Coutts-Smith, 25, of *Starlight Express* recalled: "The moment I skated on stage I fell". Unusual in that *Starlight* is not only her first-ever show but was also her first audition. Rose admits that she is now well and truly hooked.

Despite being distantly related to the banking Coutts, all Rose's immediate family are involved with show business. She initially went into theatrical designing, but explained: "As soon as I heard about *Starlight Express* I knew there would be nothing like it ever again and I just wanted to be in it".

She learned to rollerskate and went to six auditions. "I knew I'd done everything possible to get there. I couldn't have worked any harder or done any more. When they rang me to say I'd got into the show I was just so shocked that I had to sit down."



Keith Burns, 23, from Liverpool left drama school in July 1984 and vowed he would be working in London within a year. Exactly 12 months later he was offered a job in the ensemble of *Les Miserables*. During that year he had worked solidly in the provinces culminating with the second lead in *The Rocky Horror Show*.

"I didn't spend three years at drama school to be a chorus boy", he said.

"If you want to be noticed in the chorus you have to work at it. It was my idea to use blood capsules in the death scene and now a lot of other people want to do it. But they're not being allowed to because it wouldn't look right for everyone to have blood coming out of their mouths.

"Working in the provinces, I once accidentally stood closer to the lead than usual and my head came into his spotlight. He turned round and whacked me in the eye to teach me a lesson. I went on next night with an eye-patch."

"At the end of the year I'd like to play a lead, but I'll never grumble at what I'm doing now."



Sian Reeves, 19, was working her way through stage school when she was offered a part in the ensemble of *Les Miserables* and as understudy to the juvenile lead, Cosette. "I went to the audition for a good time and to see what it was all about." After five auditions, she was offered the part. Two weeks later she started rehearsing.

She has been going to school during the day and performing every evening. "The heads of my course let me have time off for the rehearsals but they've noticed how tired I'm getting and I've noticed too."

She shares a cold damp flat over a derelict timber yard in south-east London with three of the boys from the school. "It's not really what a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company should be living in!" she said.

"I'd love to carry on in this profession if possible, but the idea of just dancing isn't appealing."

Sally Brompton

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Party pieces that go down a treat

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

At black-tie-and-bubbly parties, at black-leather-and-banana-daiquiri dos, and at those occasions which call for a longish, decentish sherry, a little something hot generally goes down posh. Anything that takes two bites is too big to serve with stand-up drinks.

Eschew the example of caterer's clammy canapés in favour of those piping morsels that fashionable restaurants now lavish, unsolicited, on their customers. The cost of ellin quiches and miniature cheese puffs is of time, not money. They are a fiddle but fun and, on the credit side, most can be made in advance and reheated.

Strong cheeses like Parmesan or Gruyère are best for this.

Gougères
Makes about 70

- 55g (2oz) butter
- 150ml (¼ pint) water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 110g (4oz) strong or plain flour
- 4 eggs (size 2)
- 45g (1½oz) freshly grated Parmesan
- Cayenne pepper

Heat the butter and water to boiling in a small heavy saucepan. Take the pan off the heat and add the flour and salt all at once. Stir well and return the pan to the heat. Beat and heat until the mixture comes cleanly away from the sides.

Cool the mixture for five minutes before beating in the eggs, a little at a time, followed by the cheese and plenty of cayenne. At this stage the mixture is very soft. Spoon it into a piping bag fitted with a plain nozzle. Pipe small blobs no more than 2cm (¾in) across, spacing them well apart on a baking sheet lined with baking parchment.

For extra lightness, bake the gougères under cover (a wok lid or upturned roasting tin or casserole does very well) in a preheated hot oven (230°C / 450°F, gas mark 8) for about 20 minutes. Alternatively, bake them uncovered in a moderately hot oven (200°C / 400°F, gas mark 6) for 15 to 20 minutes.

Serve at once, or cool completely on a wire rack before storing in an airtight container for freezing.

Individual quiches
Makes about 50

- 170g (6oz) plain flour
- 1 teaspoon or more salt
- 110g (4oz) butter, chilled
- 1 egg yolk
- About 2 tablespoons iced water

For the filling
- 110g (4oz) ham, finely diced
- 2 large eggs
- 300ml (½ pint) single cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Use the first five ingredients to make a rich shortcrust pastry. Chill it for half an hour, then roll out thinly to line some small fluted tart tins. Ideally, these will be 3 – 5cm diameter by 2cm deep (1½in diameter by 1in deep). The best ones I have found are sold as moulds for *petits fours*. Chill the pastry for a further half an hour before baking it blind in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for about 15 minutes, or until golden.

Divide the chopped ham between the pastry cases. Beat together the eggs and cream and a generous seasoning of black pepper (a little grated cheese and nutmeg are optional additions) and pour a little of this custard into each case. Lower the oven heat to moderate (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) and bake the quiches for another 10 to 15 minutes, or until they are set. Allow them to cool a little before turning them out of their tins and serving at once. Or cool completely and freeze.

Tiny triangles of phyllo pastry filled with spiced meat or vegetables are another idea. Lentils and fresh herbs are a good filling.

Cocktail samosas
Makes about 50

- 30g (1oz) butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons garam masala
- 225g (8oz) green or brown lentils, cooked and drained
- Salt
- Tabasco sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped coriander
- 4 or 5 sheets of phyllo pastry
- About 4 tablespoons melted butter

To make the filling, heat the butter and soften the onion. Add the garam masala and cook the spice mixture gently with the onion for a few moments. Take the pan off the heat and stir in the lentils, salt, tabasco and herbs. Mix well and check that the seasoning is spicy.

Paint a sheet of phyllo with melted butter (keeping the remainder covered to prevent it becoming dry and brittle) and cut it into strips about 4cm by 15cm (1½in by 6in).

Place a small teaspoonful of filling near one end of a strip of pastry. Fold up one corner in a triangle over the filling. Fold the triangle up the strip of pastry until it is sealed on all sides and no ends are hanging loose. Brush the top with melted butter and place the package on a baking sheet. Shape the remaining pastry and filling.

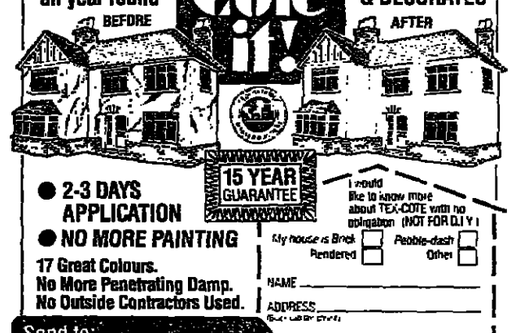
Bake the samosas in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for about 15 minutes, or until crisp and golden. Serve immediately.

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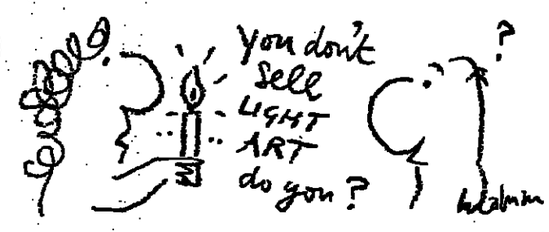
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Waxing lyrical over candlelit cartoons

MEL CALMAN'S DIARY



MONDAY

My assistant, Pat, polishes the gallery in honour of our Pont exhibition. We opened in 1970, right in the middle of the three-day week. There was a power cut during the private view and we had to give people candles to look at the pictures. For several weeks we had people coming in and asking if we sold candles. I often wished we did; we sold very few pictures.

Pont is one of the few pre-war *Punch* cartoonists still to seem funny today. He captured the social nuances and lunacies of English behaviour with great delicacy and wit. He also invented (as far as I know) the technical device of having a character speaking to someone who is out of vision, making the pocket cartoon possible.

WEDNESDAY

My dentist, who hasn't seen me for a year, says I now look like something out of El Greco. It would be interesting to write a history of art purely in terms of dentistry. It might explain the suffering faces in El Greco's paintings.

THURSDAY

Go to an exhibition of Japanese art at the Barbican. I always feel they designed the car park first then added the arts centre as an afterthought. Why else should the entrance to the car park be part of the main entrance? They should put all the arts events in the car park and save all that hassle of parking, getting lost, returning, losing one's ticket, being shouted at by attendants for this offence and finally driving off the wrong way.

FRIDAY

A man came to the gallery and asked the assistant if we had anything about Napoleon. "Sorry", she said. "I'm afraid we don't".

"People always say no," he said. "If you've got a collar and tie, people take you seriously – otherwise they don't. But people with collars and ties never pay with cash. I always pay with cash." He then took out a bundle of notes and flourished them. Then he walked out. I sometimes think the funniest things in the gallery aren't the cartoons but the customers.

SUNDAY

My old art school friend, Marian, persuades me to go with her to the 100 Club in Oxford Street for a nostalgic trip to the past. I have searched all week for a good time, so I bravely decide to risk it. As we go down the narrow stairs, it is like entering a time warp. It looks almost exactly as it did 30 years ago. The air of innocent pleasure, the lousy acoustics, the hard chairs, the plastic tables that wobble.

After an hour I begin to wilt and yearn for my bed. Then I realize what has changed most of all in this room: me.



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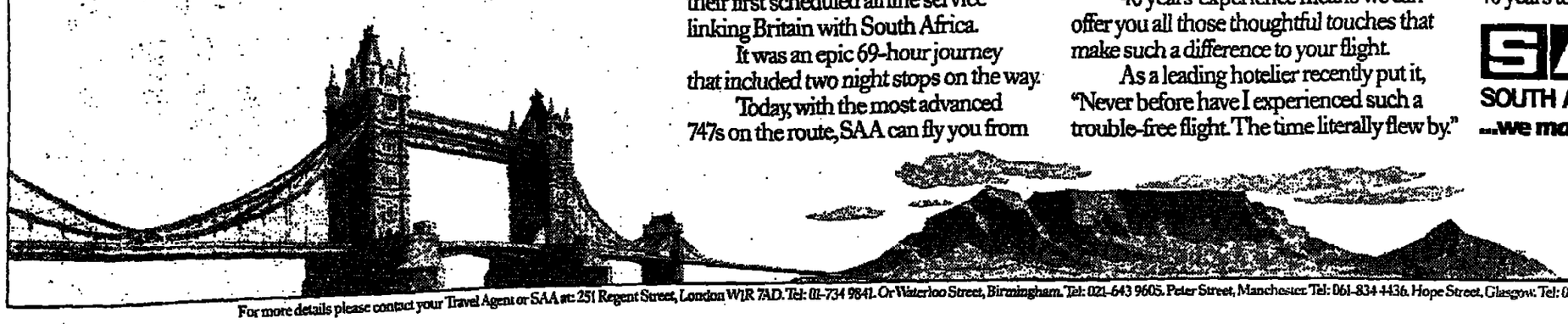
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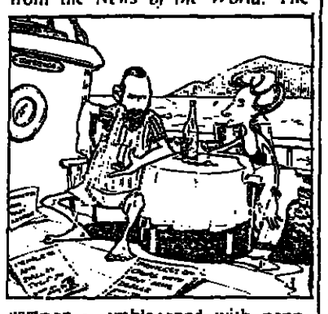
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Launching pad

If the Aircraft Golfing Society expected some witty Denis Thatcher-style anecdotes at its annual lunch at the Café Royal yesterday it chose the wrong man in David Owen. His topic: "UK Aerospace and the US Strategic Defence Initiative". He told the bemused golfers: "The prospect of being able to develop a reusable satellite launcher in the shape of a Horizontal Take-Off and Landing Vehicle may make much of present large space rocket technology obsolete." Surely his office had got it wrong? No, no, it *was* the Aircraft Golfing Society", giggled a spokesman in his office. She said she had never heard of it before but emphasized that "there were about 600 there".

Just a Zoke

Perhaps our hearts should not bleed after all for the "appalling distress" felt by Princess Michael of Kent following this year's sensational revelations. Yesterday a royal source disclosed that she was much amused by various cartoons about the scandal stories and actually instructed her secretary to buy one from the *News of the World*. The

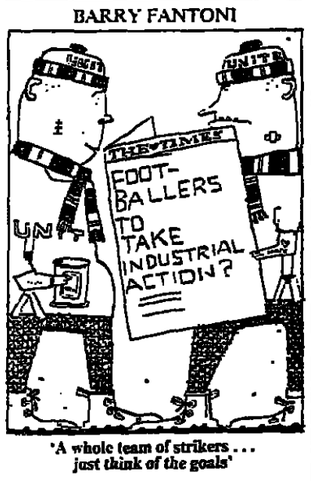


cartoon – emblazoned with newspaper clippings headlined "Princess and 'Nazi' Father"; "Princess and Dallas Tycoon"; and "Princess on Cruise with 'Argy' Arms Dealer" – depicted her with mermaid tail lounging on the yacht, with Prince Michael saying: "Now, are you sure you've nothing else to tell me, darling?" *News of the World* editor David Montgomery waived the cost of the "Zoke" cartoon, asking instead for an exclusive interview. I doubt if we need "watch this space".

Brewhaha

Those wishing to build up ammunition for Ken Livingstone's almost certain entry into the House may like to store this little gem. At a meeting last week at the GLC, Liberal councillor Adrian Slade asked if the recent defeat of a police committee proposal was because many members who opposed it "had had too much to drink in the *bar at lunchtime?*" Livingstone replied by saying: "Chairman, can I say I very much would like to respond to Mr Slade, but I am not able to make any coherent comment because I was paralytic at the time, myself." Livingstone later confessed: "Chairman, I realized very early on that when you are defeated the best thing to do is to stand up and admit it and then completely rubbish the decision."

BARRY FANTONI



'A whole team of strikers . . . just think of the goals'

A bang-bang here

The murder at the weekend of "Boss" Lilford, founder of the Rhodesia Front, reminds ITN newscaster Michael Nicholson of the British ex-paratrooper whom Lilford engaged in the 1960s to guard his cattle from black poachers. In his book *Across the Limpopo*, Nicholson describes how the para was paid 1,000 US dollars for every poacher he killed on production of the dead man's left ear. Engaged to a girl in England, and saving for a house, he was doing nicely financially when one night he spotted an elderly African approaching the herd after curfew. As he was about to squeeze the trigger, the para heard the old *man break into a rendition of* "Old MacDonald had a Farm." Unwisely he told Lilford: "I couldn't do it. I mean, how can you clobber an old lad singing a song like that, even if he is a blackie?" Lilford sacked him on the spot.

Matter of taste

Haringey ratepayers will be thrilled to hear of the latest lunacy of their left-wing council (leader, Bernie Grant). As a gesture of support for the people's revolution, only Nicaraguan coffee beans will henceforth be used in the civic centre. The ratepayer will foot the extra £820 annual cost, but the consumer may also suffer. Haringey's catering officer reports that Nicaraguan coffee has "a distinctive taste which may not please the majority unless they are used to it".

PHS

Maths + metalwork = motivation

by David Young

What young people think and feel is often overlooked in all the talk about education and training. To listen to some politicians you would think that all that was required was a little (or more often a lot) more money; then everything would be perfect. I don't think many of the young people I meet *think so.* Nor employers, certainly not those who complain about the difficulty of finding young people with motivation or standards.

The Youth Training Scheme has brought home the realization that O levels are perhaps not the best indicator of performance at work, or even of innate ability. Indeed the real mystery is why employers have been content for so long to use exams designed for university entrance as criteria for apprenticeships, jobs in insurance or banking, or many other activities for the school-leaver.

YTS is not perfect – far from it – but it is getting better all the time. From next April we will have in place a two-year programme of vocational training for young people which, I believe, will be at least the equal of any of its kind in Western Europe.

Some people cannot let this pass without raising the old sterile arguments about the difference between education and training. Listening to them you would think that while the process of acquiring knowledge is acceptable, applying that knowledge is somehow demeaning.

I started out as a solicitor. For that I was trained. So, too, are surgeons, accountants and many others. But until recently how many schools taught book-keeping or demonstrated the practical use of subjects that many found of little interest? Far too few.

The Technical and Vocational Education Initiative provided the opportunity, and the extra staff and equipment, for a few practical subjects to be added to the school curriculum. The response was overwhelming. You had to experience the classroom enthusiasm to realize what had been missing. Not that the teachers did not know; they did. Soon TVEI will have been adopted by almost all education authorities. Most youngsters are pragmatic and practical. They insist in knowing why and what for.

When Shirley Williams indulged herself in the 1976 Education Act and tried to force every local education authority into the comprehensive mould she probably thought more of the white heat of the social revolution than what it was that our young would learn. Away went most of our technical schools. The result is that we now have secondary schools, predominantly comprehensive, but still not giving all their pupils what they have a right to expect.

But there is far more at stake than this. The Review of Vocational Qualifications is within a few months of reporting. Here is the great opportunity, not only to bring sense and order into the present system but to create a system of qualifications that will build the bridge from schooldays to working life, from manual skills to high technology.

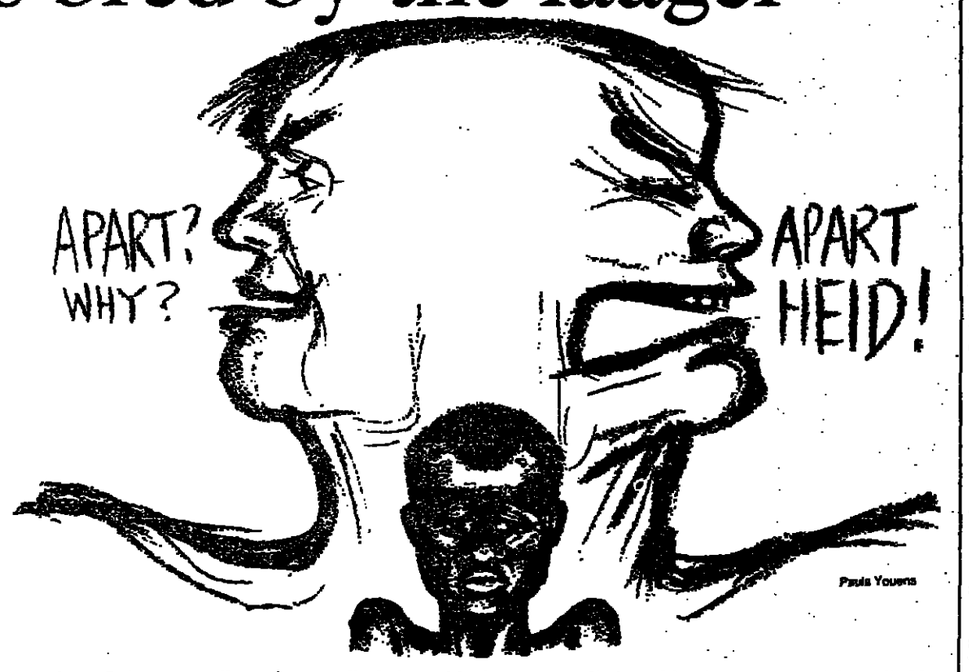
Here is the opportunity to bring together in a cohesive programme schools and industry, education and training, the pure and the applied. I am not a philistine, and am far from being anti-academic. I do not wish to see our schools become merely a preparation for working life. But what I would like to see is academic and practical subjects taught side by side, to the same pupil.

When young people become interested in what they are doing, they learn. Whether they learn practical or academic subjects does not matter. What does matter is that they become motivated.

Lord Young is Secretary of State for Employment.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Lies bred by the laager



It was Euripides who first suggested that when the gods wish to destroy a man they first drive him mad, though I have always thought this technique unnecessarily complicated: what is the point of being a god if you cannot go direct to your objective? But even supposing that the gods accept a self-denying ordinance, and invariably employ the two-stage approach, they would surely be baffled if, when they embarked upon the first, ground-clearing operation, they found that their intended victim was already unglued to an extent which rendered the operation superfluous, and they would be even more astonished to learn that the loosening of the screws had been embarked upon by the mooncalf himself.

In just such a position the South African government finds itself this morning, as cuckoos, heedless of the season, are to be heard singing from every bush. Here is an official statement, put out at the highest official level in Pretoria, designed to make clear South Africa's position and policy:

> If by "apartheid" is meant,
> 1. Political domination by any one community of any other;
> 2. The exclusion of any community from the decision-making process;
> 3. Injustice or inequality in the opportunities available for any community;
> 4. Racial discrimination and impairment of human dignity;
> the South African government shares in the rejection of the concept.

I have repeatedly asked, without ever getting a serious, let alone a satisfactory, reply, why the Soviet Union regularly holds what are called "elections", in which there is only one candidate in each constituency, who is invariably voted for by never less than 99.9 per cent of the electorate, and frequently by many more. The burden of my question is that nobody within the country, nor anybody outside either – may, not so much as Mr Mick McGahey or even Mr Tony Chater – believes that these performances have anything to do with elections; one of my correspondents suggested that an appointment to the Supreme Soviet was the equivalent of our Honours List, and although I can see much force in the analogy, it still does not explain why the Soviet leaders go to such trouble and expense to make a claim that *everyone* knows is false.

The Soviet parallel with South Africa (it is not, alas, the only one, and most of the others are considerably more serious, as many a black corpse would testify if it could only sit up and sing) is obvious. The four-part catalogue set out in the South African government's statement (which could not possibly have been promulgated without President Botha's direct approval) is an exact definition of the system of apartheid as practised in South Africa for some decades now; but that is not my point. My point is that nobody, however well-disposed to South Africa and its policies, believes that "the South African government shares in the rejection of the concept" as there defined.

Why, then, are such words composed and published? The correspondent who drew my attention to the statement, and who is himself one of the most honourable and courageous of all those who resist apartheid from within South Africa, offered an explanation no less ingenious than the theory of the Soviet honours list and much more persuasive. Here it is.

> It is no doubt difficult for a government to say in so many words: "We have been wrong all along; our policies have been wicked and disastrous and we are going to change them." It is easier to say, however unconvincingly, "Those wicked policies are not our policies at all; we believe in something quite different." Such a statement, even if no one believes it, signals to the world and, above all, to the government's own constituency at home, that its traditional and fundamental policies, however much in its heart it still cherishes them, are no longer publicly defensible. And it gives notice that if international pressures on South Africa continue, apartheid itself may have to go.

My friend supports his case by pointing out that the lunatic claim was followed by an assurance that a programme of reform would shortly be embarked upon, though even from the sketchy details given it is clear that no attempt will be made to demolish even one of the four pillars of apartheid, let alone all of them. And I have to say that, for all its logic, this explanation of the impossible seems to me ultimately unconvincing.

The metaphor of madness may not be entirely metaphorical. If a man lives entirely in a world of unreality, surely it is not surprising if he ceases in time to know what reality is. For years we have all talked about "the laager mentality"; but the cliché, though ground to fine dust by over-use, did once mean something, particularly if we recall what a laager actually is. It is the circle of ox-wagons, drawn up for defensive purposes, in which the Voortrekkers camped for the night when on the march. Stop for a moment and conjure up the scene as night came on, with the limitless veld all round, the watchmen posted at the points of the compass, and everyone within the mysterious pentacle, outside which no safety was to be found. With so powerful an oriflamme from their past, is it really surprising that those in power in South Africa have come to believe, to the point of obsession and beyond, that they, and they alone, are defending something precious and vital, while outside the magic circle there are only enemies, fearsomely equipped with wondrous powers and implacably resolved on the destruction of the precious ring and all within it?

Remember that the American pioneers, as they pushed westward across the opening continent, slept in just such a formation. They were not, of course, defending themselves against the black man, but the metaphor holds good; remember how long and how tenaciously racial segregation was defended in the United States (the Supreme Court decision in Brown v Board of Education, which made the first real breach in the circle of wagons, was only 31 years ago). Americans today tend to rub their eyes as though waking from a dream when they are reminded that their own system of apartheid endured until the middle of the 1960s, when Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey armed themselves to break it; much more significant is the amazement of Americans when they remember with what arguments the evil thing was seriously defended. It is not at all unusual to hear Americans, reflecting on that so recent past, express themselves in such terms as "We must have been crazy".

Perhaps, if we do not use the word too literally, they were. Certainly many of the Southern *jusquaboutistes* believed they were doing God's work, and their opponents the Devil's. For that matter, the *gentleman who approached me in a* public place last week and assured me that scientists had perfected a device for photographing people's memories, and another which shot thoughts, by means of laser-beams, into people's brains, and that both techniques, together with others no less remarkable, had been used on him, undoubtedly believed what he told me. But he was wrong, for all that, and so were the defenders of American apartheid, and so are those who defend the same system, far more monstrous in its completeness, in South Africa.

Is it any wonder, do you think, that if you defend the indefensible long enough, with arguments in which there is no substance at all, you will end up unable to believe that the world is round? (And *that* is not as much of a metaphor as you might think, either; Oom Paul Kruger, to the day of his death, believed it was flat.) It is not at all impossible that President Botha, scoundrel though he is, saw, as he initialled the statement I have quoted, nothing strange, let alone hypocritical, in such words, but believed them to be no more than the plain and literal truth. How he may be disabused of so fatally eccentric a notion is another matter. But let us not be too surprised that he holds it.

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Peter Kellner

TV ads: the wider choice

We, the British electorate, can be a fickle lot. According to the opinion polls we backed Edward Heath when he decided to fight the miners, only to desert him when the conflict led to power cuts *and a three-day week.* We tell pollsters that unemployment is the country's most important issue and that higher public spending is preferable to tax cuts – yet we return the Conservatives to power with a landslide majority.

As long as opinion poll figures are kept in their rightful place, as ephemeral guides to a changing public mood, they may do some good. But when they are chiselled on stones which are then hurled as weapons of battle, then we should complain: those are *our* views that shape those weapons and we ought to be listened to with greater care.

Opinion polls have seldom played a greater role outside a general election campaign than in the debate about the future of the BBC. Nine *opinion polls* have been conducted since March, all showing that most of us would like advertising to pay for all or part of the BBC's costs. These findings have been paraded by the opponents of the licence fee to underwrite their case. To leave things as they are, the argument runs, would be perverse, high-handed and, above all, *undemocratic.*

It is easy for defenders of the BBC to fall into the trap of dismissing the poll findings outright by pointing out that a number of the surveys have been commissioned by organizations (such as the Peacock Committee itself, or newspapers whose parent companies have interests in cable or satellite television) with axes to grind.

In fact, the BBC is about to submit to the Peacock Committee the results of its own survey and this also shows a two-to-one majority in favour of advertising replacing the licence fee as the corporation's main source of income.

That is not the whole story, however. Public opinion is always more complex than headlines and partisan editorials make out. In this case, the crux of the issue is what the consequences would be of changing the BBC's system of finance. A recent MORI survey for the Marketing Society asked whether people agreed or disagreed that the BBC "will be able to afford an even better range of programmes than they can now" if advertising is allowed. Sixty-six per cent agreed, while just 21 per cent disagreed.

NOP's survey for the Peacock Committee found that 52 per cent are "in favour of advertising providing the quality of programmes is not lower", while just 13 per cent are "in favour of advertising whether the quality is lower or not".

At the same time, hostility to the present licence fee is less than its critics sometimes make out. Half of NOP's sample was asked whether the annual £58 licence fee represented good value; 57 per cent thought it did. The other half of the sample was asked not about the annual total but its weekly equivalent: £1.10. This time 71 per cent thought the BBC to be good value.

When the BBC publishes the results of its survey, its findings are likely to be much the same: the corporation provides good value, but the annual £58 lump sum fee is unwelcome; advertising is seen as a less painful way of paying for the BBC, providing that its service is at least as good as it provides now.

In so far as the polls provide a mandate for Peacock, it is a strictly conditional one. Should the committee come to the conclusion that advertising would threaten standards, it cannot then pray opinion polls in aid of scrapping the licence fee – just as Mr Heath could not count on the electorate to stay with him when he fought the miners.

Paradoxically, the BBC's best line of defence is not to argue that its programmes are different from, or better than, those on ITV, but that their range is much the same. This would accord with what most viewers think and it would reach to the heart of why most people say they are happy to have advertising.

Although (according to the BBC's survey) the BBC has a higher public reputation than ITV, the two rival services are broadly interchangeable in the public's mind. Since current affairs, drama and various minority interests are well served on ITV and Channel 4, few viewers fear any deterioration in standards if the BBC was financed in the same way.

But, what if fewer "highbrow" programmes were shown – would it matter to more than a handful of viewers? Perhaps surprisingly, the evidence suggests that it would. One finding that has startled even BBC executives is that with rare exceptions (such as ethnic minority programmes), there is very little difference in the kinds of people who watch different programmes. The idea that there is one kind of viewer who watches *Panorama* and *Weekend World* and quite another who laps up *Coronation Street* and *EastEnders* is quite wrong.

This finding is crucial to the Peacock debate, for it demolishes the myth that the BBC's real aim in life is to accrue licence money from the masses in order to pamper the tastes of the elite.

It is this quality that the advocates of advertising on the BBC must address, and the danger of broadcasters plunging downmarket to compete for a limited pool of revenue. What the current viewing data show is that everyone would suffer, not just a narrow cultural elite. Most people, it seems, favour advertising not because they would be happy for Bob Monkhouse and Terry Wogan to fill every waking hour, but because they believe advertising would sustain and even expand the range of programmes they enjoy now.

If, then, public opinion is to continue to play an important role, as it should, in the Peacock *Committee's deliberations, then the* full texture of that opinion needs to be studied. Special care should be taken with questions that require people to peer into the future and imagine the consequences of their answers.

Suppose the BBC had conducted a poll 15 years ago on whether it would be a good idea to have a comedy programme featuring transvestites, dead parrots and a Ministry for Silly Walks. The rejection, I am sure, would have been overwhelming – and *Monty Python's Flying Circus* would never have been shown.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Send me a line via the PTO

We recently had a distressing letter from an old lady who said: "My friends often laugh at me because I think that *UHT* is something that travels at very high speeds from London to Edinburgh. Is there anything you can do to help me?"

Another typical letter comes from a businessman who has had similar trouble at work. "Several years ago I thought it would be good for my personal standing if I became a member of the FBI, so I applied for membership and joined. I had been a full member for over two years before I realized that what I had joined was actually the BFI, the British Film Institute. I wonder if I am the only case."

Not at all. There was also a journalist in Kettering who writes to tell us: "I have been writing vicous leading articles for a few months against the PLR, which I consider to be a totally unjustified and unprincipled set-up. I started getting protesting letters from authors, asking why I was against their getting a few pence for the books they had written from libraries that lent them out free. It was only then I realized I had been confusing PLR and PLO, which has caused me great embarrassment. More recently, I mixed up EST, a mind-bending organization, with the EEC, another mind-bending organization. What can be done to help me?"

All these people, and thousands more, are suffering from initial blindness, a mental ailment which is only just beginning to be recognized by doctors. A statement was recently put out on initial blindness by BMA (British Midland Airlines) under the impression that it was the British Medical Association or BMA, which shows how bad things are getting. Initial blindness is, of course, a kind of dyslexia but we don't use that word, as Susan Hampshire has made this very much her own, just as Ian Botham has recently rather cornered leukaemia.

The thing is that as more and more initials are used in everyday life, and fewer and fewer words, the person who cannot cope with initials is fatally handicapped. That is why Lord Moreover has authorized the setting up of Initial Blindness Meetings, or IBM, not to be confused with some American firm that flogs computers. Every weekend selected groups of sufferers meet at Moreover Towers, his Lordship's ample residence in the country, where seminars are held to help people overcome their fear of initials.

"There was a time when I could not buy a video for fear of confusing VHS and BHS. I tried the Beta-Max system but started ordering Weeta-bix. Things got so bad that when I decided to go on a youth hostel holiday with the YHA, I found I had enrolled to stay with the RHA (Road Haulage Association), although it wasn't a bad holiday. Now, at last, after one of your inspiring weekends, I have the courage and resources to face this initial-riddled world."

So writes just one of the many people who have found a new peace and calm at one of our IBM gatherings. Here initial blindness sufferers can meet others and share experiences – that, for instance, of the man who, whenever his car broke down, sent for Alcoholics Anonymous! Here they can learn to face the future with their disability behind them.

"When I first came to Moreover Towers, I thought there was a football team called DC *Milan* and an illness called VDU," writes another satisfied customer. "Now I know better. Although I'm still a bit worried about the Scandinavian airline called SAS."

At the end of the weekend, before going home, our happy guests play an advanced form of Trivial Pursuits in which all the questions are to do with initials.

"The questions are very clever," writes one grateful customer. "One of them was: 'where on earth would you be frightened of SIDA?' This threw me until I remembered that in France they get *initials* in a different order, and I guessed that this was probably what the French called Aids. I was absolutely right!"

Do *you* suffer from initial blindness? Do you think that IMF is a popular record label? Do you think that DDR is part of Germany or something you sprinkle on rats? If so, we issue you this invitation: come and cure yourselves with us. RSVP. And send an SAE, PDQ.

If you haven't the faintest idea what we're talking about, you need us more than you think!

Can the crusading Cory unseat Marcos?

Singapore

There was a particular poignancy about Mrs Corazon Aquino's announcement yesterday that she would run against President Ferdinand Marcos in the presidential election called in the Philippines for February 7.

She threw her hat in the ring less than 24 hours after a Manila court acquitted General Fabian Ver, chief of the armed forces, of complicity in the murder of her husband Benigno, who was shot on the tarmac at Manila airport when he returned from exile two years ago.

The juxtaposition of the two events underlines the dimension of tragedy in contemporary Filipino politics. For the wounds of the Aquino assassination have not yet healed. Motorists still display "I love Ninoy" stickers. The anniversary of his death attracts huge crowds to demonstrations. Statues were raised to his memory, and no analysis of the troubles of the Philippines can ignore the incident, which triggered massive economic and social dislocation.

More than a million people (in a population of some 54 million) signed a petition urging his 52-year-old widow, a self-confessed political novice, to try and wrest the highest office in the land from the most astute politician in South-east Asia, *who has clung to power for 20 years.*

Mrs Aquino is probably the only candidate who could give Marcos sleepless nights in the coming campaign. Her sole, serious rival for the opposition nomination, ex-Senator *Salvador Laurel,* was once a Marcos man, and while undoubtedly the more experienced animal he lacks the appeal of "Cory" to the Filipino masses. Her entry into the fray provides a moral as well as political choice. The election cannot now be dismissed as a contest of two politicians of the old school slugging it out in front of an apathetic and cynical electorate – her campaign is more likely to resemble a crusade.

Addressing a seminar on the Philippines while in Singapore recently, Mrs Aquino said: "I made a pledge to my husband when I kissed him in his coffin that I would continue his fight for the cause of justice and democracy. When teachers, students, priests, nuns, businessmen, labourers, professionals, housewives and even grandmothers and grandfathers join us in our protest rallies and demonstrations, then I realize in wonderment that indeed, as Ninoy said: 'The Filipino is worth dying for'."

Even by Philippine standards of emotionalism this was strong stuff. *Yet an educated, professional* Filipino who watched the performance told me later: "If it is a choice between Marcos and Laurel, I suppose I'll vote for Marcos. But if Cory runs, she'll get my vote."

That kind of response is the opposition's trump card. But it is also a wild card in the president's political poker game. The true measure of Mrs Aquino's support cannot be reliably estimated precisely because it is "a spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" rather than nice political calculation.

The opposition maintains that if the February poll is fair, they stand a good chance of winning. It is a big "if". Elections in the Philippines are notoriously tacky at the edges. Votes are bought and sold; so-called "flying voters" – often soldiers out *of uniform – tour the polling booths.*

Ballot boxes are stuffed, or stolen. There is intimidation by landowners and by the insurgent communist New People's Army. When the election was called, an opposition MP remarked: "You've got to have goons, guns and money to win. We've got the goons, but we're short of ammunition and money."

The Americans are watching the situation with nervous intensity. With the US Subic Bay naval base and Clark airfield a critical election issue, they are involved whether *they like it or not. Marcos,* if re-elected, is unlikely to introduce the social and military reforms needed to defeat the insurgents, it is argued. If the opposition wins, at the very least there will be a referendum on whether the bases should be vacated when the present agreement expires in 1991.

Mrs Aquino is coy on the issue. She favours eventual closure of the bases, she says, but will not make a positive statement at this stage. Her political manifesto has not yet been written but will certainly include the restoration of habeas corpus and the release of political detainees.

The last point is one of the two minimum requirements of the communists (the other being closure of the bases) before a truce is called in the insurgency, which has claimed *nearly 5,000 lives this year.*

The US media has recently been raising the spectre of "another Iran" or "another Cambodia" in the Philippines. Rather more quietly, American money has begun finding its way into opposition coffers. The political process is a long way from being written off, and the advent of Mrs Aquino to political centre-stage offers the best hope for a long time in that beautiful but unhappy country.

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FREEDOM FOR COAL

The reluctance of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers to accept that pay rises must be based on productivity, is a reminder that the 1984-85 strike and its aftermath made only a beginning to the necessary reform of the British coal industry and the attitudes of those who work in it.

It is tempting for the Government now to leave well alone. The NUM's political veto has been broken and the split in union ranks has produced more realism. A new top management is on its way in. And both managers and miners have their work cut out to achieve the target of breaking even after interest in 1987-88

To shelve further reform in the interest of stability would, however, be a mistake. Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, recently reminded Lord Stockton of the virtues of returning state industries to competitive private enterprise. The British coal industry provides a compelling example for this argument. Coal nationalization created an artifical monopoly where no natural one exists, even giving the National Coal Board regulatory powers over permitted private mining of small deposits. The prospect of a monolithic NCB itself led to the creation of the countervailing monolithic national union from the old federation of regional miners' unions.

The battles within the industry have added to the already excessive cost of coal by making supplies insecure and forcing customers to hold stockpiles. Monopoly thinking has failed to respond to the challenge from other fuels. So the British coal industry, potentially the richest and most productive in Europe continued to decline even when drastic rises in oil prices boosted coal worldwide. Bureaucratic management allowed the coal industry to become too dependent on sales to the electricity industry.

Yet even here, insecure supply has boosted the effective cost of coal. The Central Electricity Board needed, as the strike proved, to keep uneconomic oil-fired stations as well as stockpiles of coal. It has responded with a drive to expand nuclear generation, that threatens future demand for coal.

The failure of Mr Arthur Scargill's strike has allowed the NCB under Mr Ian MacGregor to accelerate closure of the tenth of the industry that was irretrievably loss-making. But the industry will face new challenges after 1987 when stocks have been rebuilt. The monopoly structure of the industry is then unlikely to be able to reverse its culture of decline. To throw away the opportunity for further reform would be unfair to the industry. It would also be a betrayal of the miners who formed the Union of Democratic Mineworkers in the search for a more positive approach to the industry's future.

An agenda for reform (*Can Coal be Saved*) was published earlier this week by the energy economists Professor Colin Marshall and Miss Eileen Marshall. They do not pretend that returning coal to independence and diverse ownership or liberalizing the market will be an easy task, still less that the NCB can usefully be privatized in the conventional way.

Any restructuring needs, in particular, to take account of safety, the historic hatred of capitalistic coal owners among most miners and the independence of the NCB on a monopoly buyer, the CEGB, for three quarters of its sales.

The NCB's proudest achievement has been to improve safety standards. Safety must not become a variable in a commercial equation. Rigorously enforced national standards might well, however, be enhanced by greater involvement of miners in the running of their business. A strong degree of employee/manager ownership on the model pioneered at National Freight in any case looks the most attractive option for privatizing and improving the performance of groups of existing pits.

The most original suggestion in the new study however, is that groups of pits could be packaged with the power stations they serve, for sale to private enterprise. This would avoid making competitive coal producers prey to a monopoly buyer and also help introduce competition into electricity generation.

There are faster and less controversial ways to promote competition. Informal import controls might be lifted. The NCB's regulatory functions and its ownership of coal reserves can readily be removed to a new agency on the lines of the shortlived 1938 Coal Commission, which would retain an interest on new coal discoveries for the nation via royalties or permit sales.

Privatizing the NCB's Opencast Executive, which makes profits of more than £200 million a year would increase competition by removing nearly 15 per cent of output from NCB control. Sites could either be sold to contractors, forming independent coal firms, or the Executive could be sold as a whole.

Now is the time to start the lengthy process of reform. It is up to Mr Walker to take the initiative and make it clear to miners that the issue is how, and not whether, coal should be freed.

PROFESSION OF CARE

Social workers, like doctors, teachers and policemen, have care of young children. All professionals make mistakes, sometimes mistakes that lead to the deaths of their charges. But unlike medicine, teaching and police work, whose collective traditions go back centuries even millenia, the profession of social work is something of a child itself. To talk of the blind leading the blind would be too harsh. But to urge a certain wariness in considering the demands for more resources made in yesterday's report on the pitiful case of Jasmine Beckford is to urge only a proper good sense.

Like young professions throughout the ages, social work has been buffeted by fads and fashions. Before 1970, for example, there were separate groups of public employees who cared for children, the elderly and the mentally ill. By-and-large the Child Care Officers were more highly trained than the rest. But following the recommendations of the Seebohm report these specialists were grouped together as "generic social workers" who were to be trained in all areas of the profession.

It was one such "generic social worker" whom Mr Louis Blom-Cooper's panel of inquiry criticized for failing to identify the abuses which led to Jasmine Beckford's death. Her attention was almost entirely on the parents. Between the end of the war and 1971, when children's departments existed and children's officers "were not distracted from caring for deprived children by other tasks" the report says, there was only one major inquiry into child abuse. Since 1973, and the Maria Colwell case, there have been more than 20. So, the experts now argue, "Seebohm got it wrong".

Social work has not, however, been divided only by practical disagreements about the best way to protect society's most vulnerable members. Seebohm's work was also an important plank in the overall platform of collective thought which characterized the 1960s and early '70s. According to its guidelines, and in an atmosphere of optimistic utopianism, enforced egalitarianism and apparently bottomless public purses, a massive expansion of social work took place.

Or, rather a vast expansion in social workers' budgets occurred. The exact nature of the work done was never as well defined as the bottom line on the accounting sheet. The expansion brought an ever larger arena upon which bigger political battles could be fought, battles in which Marxists and Freudians fought for their ideologies under the guise of "institutional vs. family care" or the promotion prospects for psychoanalysts.

None of this disputatious activity was necessarily unsuitable for a profession that still had to find its feet in the world. But, unfortunately, it coincided with a greatly increased sense of public expectation that publicity and greater public spending brought in their wake. The less the clarity about what social work was actually supposed to do, the more came the expectations that it could do almost anything.

High expectation from the public is an important weapon in the armoury of those who would bid for tax payers' funds. If the customer is satisfied with his service the provider can ask for more money to keep up the good work. If the customer is dissatisfied he can ask for more money to put things right. Seebohm may be out of favour in the eyes of Mr Blom-Cooper's panel of inquiry but the expectations which he aroused are not. Indeed Mr Blom-Cooper is anxious that the clock be not put back to pre-Seebohm days. His report argues for more expensive specialization for everyone, not simply for potential child care officers or other groups that might be considered as priorities. The Government, which is under attack for cutting tax funds for social work training, is entitled to look at this part of the report with scepticism.

Other recommendations to the panel show a greater sense of reality. Social workers and their administrators clearly need to improve their lines of command, responsibility, and coordination with other professional groups, such as teachers. There is a strong case for distinguishing "high risk" children (on whom social workers should not spend time worrying about when and how they can be returned to the place where they were under threat) from those in "grey areas" where the good application of social work skills may make a difference.

The ability to distinguish between these two groups is a high priority subject for specialist training. There will be other priorities too. What the State has to do it should do as well as possible.

The State's chief contribution to the Beckford tragedy was to move a four-year-old girl from foster parents who cared for her well to a natural parent in whose care she died. It was a disastrous decision, albeit made against a confused intellectual background. If the Prime Minister's next speech on the virtues of family life were to include some reference to the value of caring fostering parents it would be welcome. But her Government need not be swayed by those who will use the tragedy of Jasmine Beckford to demand indiscriminate sums for all those whose job it is to care.

BARRIERS AND KIOSKS

The dream of monetary union in Europe – of a single currency in which to deal in a truly common market – has bubbled up through this week's summit, to the discomfiture of the British. It was perhaps inevitable that the German Chancellor should, in the devious game of summit negotiations, have chosen to play the monetary card. It is always an easy way to trump the British, who alone of the larger nations of the European Economic Community have not joined the framework of fixed internal exchange rates known as the European Monetary System, and are thus embarrassed by all such monetary debates. It is also an easy way to placate both the French and the French President of the European Commission, enthusiasts for progress towards the creation of a single European currency.

This was, however, a diversion from the main business of the summit. It should not be allowed to distract attention in its aftermath. The European Monetary System can be accounted one of the greater successes of the EEC, and it is a matter of regret that Britain is not now a full member. But the ideas for its development tabled by the Commission are dream-like and futuristic. They are not in the same time-frame as Lord Cockfield's seven-year programme for the detailed breakdown of national barriers to trade in goods and services. Eventually, a true "internal market" must be enhanced by the availability of a common currency. But the customs barriers can disappear well before the foreign exchange kiosks.

If Mr Helmut Kohl's apparent conversion, in Luxembourg, to the quest for monetary union was not merely tactical, he should consult his central banker. The all-important Bundesbank is constitutionally independent of government. It is not about to cede monetary authority to any new institution dreamt up by Eurocrats. There is no natural progression from the present system of controlled exchange rates between separately managed currencies to the existence of a single European central bank issuing a European currency. To move from one to the other would be, as the President of the Bundesbank told *The Times* last week, to enter "another world."

West Germany's central bank is fully committed to the existing EMS. But it remains firmly opposed to movement towards full monetary union before all capital controls within Europe are abolished and inflation brought down to German levels – which means virtually abolished. This is a healthy position, which in fact chimes closely with British policy; Mrs Thatcher has moved faster towards the abolition of exchange controls than either Italy or France. It usefully punctures the notion, which infected the atmosphere in Luxemburg, that full monetary union can be achieved by a single political act of goodwill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How ship's master dodged doldrums

From Captain E. J. Griffiths

Sir, My experiences as the master of a British-registered vessel in foreign trade compounds the statement made by the Prince of Wales regarding British competition (report, November 27).

Just over a year ago my ship suffered underwater damage by grounding during Hurricane Klaus in the Caribbean. A stabilizer shaft had fractured within the engine room, leaving a large "fin" beneath the vessel, making certain manoeuvres difficult, if not dangerous.

It was imperative to dry-dock the ship as soon as possible to examine the hull and carry out repairs, particularly as a charter was in the offing for the new year. I contacted the British manufacturers of the stabilizer by satellite telex to place an order for a replacement.

I was told that the full cost of the shaft was required immediately and it would take three months to manufacture. I pointed out the replacement must coincide with the dry-docking inspection of the vessel to avoid jury repairs and expensive double dry-docking.

The company replied they would endeavour to expedite the order. Despite the fee being paid in advance, they could not improve their three-month delivery date.

Some three weeks later I again contacted the company to find out whether they could provide the shaft in the new year as a dry dock in Puerto Rico had been found which could accept the ship. The call was answered by a watchman, who informed me that the entire establishment had closed down for two weeks' Christmas holidays.

The vessel was duly docked in Puerto Rico and a shaft manufactured and fitted in three days by the Puerto Ricans.

This shaft may not have been as elaborate as the one ordered from England, but it is in use at present, enabling the ship to meet its commitments. A pristine version lies in a warehouse as a tribute to British apathy.

Yours sincerely,
E. J. GRIFFITHS,
(Overshorticombe),
Fairlynch Lane,
Braunton, Devon.
November 29.

Okehampton bypass

From Lord Ardwick

Sir, Your leader last Saturday (November 30) on the Okehampton bypass did not consider the constitutional implications of the House of Lords rejecting a Government Bill. The amendment to the Bill tabled by Lord Molson, a former Conservative minister, would, if successful, stop any further progress on the Bill and would, for that reason be a "wrecking amendment".

The House of Lords has consistently refused to take such a step with a Government Bill. It is an unelected House and its role is that of a revising Chamber and not one of refusing to examine measures presented to it by the elected Government of the day. The Government's defeats in the present Parliament and in previous parliaments have all been on amendments to Bills which have never placed them in complete jeopardy.

The amendment in the name of Lord Underhill regretting the Government's proposals accords with parliamentary precedents.

Yours faithfully,
ARDWICK,
House of Lords.
December 2.

'Shakespeare' poem

From Dr S. W. Wells

Sir, Dr Paula Neuss (November 29) has a low opinion of the poem ascribed by a seventeenth-century anthologist to Shakespeare. As a scholar, she knows that materials for criticism such as hers are provided by editors, and that the editor of a good poet's work has a duty to investigate the authenticity of any writings, good or bad, ascribed to that poet.

The issue of Government funding is irrelevant to research undertaken by employees of Oxford University Press; Dr Neuss's Government-funded colleagues may feel that they have as much right to select the texts on which they apply their critical faculties as she has.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY WELLS (General Editor, The Oxford Shakespeare),
40 Walton Crescent,
Oxford.
November 29.

Dinner on the side

From Mr Michael Graham-Evans

Sir, I notice that the Gallup Poll have advertised for a secretary within yesterday's Crème de la crème columns. Candidates are warned that they "must be able to cope with pressure and the occasional dinner at the House of Commons."

Surely the food can't be all that bad at the House of Commons these days?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRAHAM-EVANS,
1 South Avenue,
Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
November 28.

Museum charges

From Miss D. D. Balls

Sir, If Sir Roy Strong would consider the average daily worker and open the V&A late one evening or earlier on Sundays, then not only would he get a visit from me, but also a donation.

Yours faithfully,
D. D. BALLS,
Flat 23,
68 Elm Park Gardens, SW10.

Tobacco defence against critics

From the Chief Executive of the Tobacco Advisory Council

Sir, Your recent leader (November 28) commenting upon the Health Education Council's "big kill" campaign begins by reminding us that in a free society individual and commercial liberty should not be unacceptably infringed. But then you go on to propose that tobacco advertising and sponsorship should be phased out and the tobacco industry virtually dismantled. These two notions seem at odds with one another.

Most of the criticism appears to surround the alleged effects of tobacco advertising on young people. Of late, the whole subject has been considerably obfuscated by emotion and the advancing of opinion as if it were fact.

We would take exception to the claim that the industry, through advertising and by deliberate intent, seeks to encourage young people to start smoking. This assertion simply is not true. Indeed, nothing the tobacco industry does is designed to encourage anybody to start – or to persuade smokers to smoke more. In a mature and indeed declining market it must be perfectly plain that the only room for manoeuvre is continuing competition for brand share to serve Britain's 18 million smokers, still representing 40 per cent of the adult population.

On children and smoking in particular the industry has always held the view that smoking is for adults and we are as concerned as anyone else that the law relating to cigarette sales to under-age purchasers should not be contravened. On a number of occasions the industry has taken direct and active steps to encourage the observance of the law by retailers, but one has to acknowledge that children can easily obtain cigarettes by other means, from parents and older friends.

Quite apart from its alleged effect on young people, whether tobacco advertising affects total tobacco consumption is a complex issue and the burden of proof is surely on those who make the criticisms, not the other way around. Amongst those who have studied the available research, including a succession of Government ministers, there is now both recognition and acceptance of the fact that advertising plays no significant role in increasing the overall consumption of cigarettes.

Moreover, the rate of decline of cigarette consumption is, by and large, more significant in many of the countries where advertising has not been banned as opposed to those countries where such a ban does exist. Indeed, with one of the highest rates of decline in the world, the UK itself falls into this pattern.

As far as sports and the arts having to suffer removal of sponsor choice, is there a rush of sports and arts organizations willing to have their freedom of choice taken away? We think not.

Your article calls for the tobacco industry to be quickly disassembled and by implication you envisage such disassembly arising from a ban on advertising. This assertion totally ignores the current effect on the UK market of cheap unprofitable brands imported on a marginal costing basis from Europe.

If there were to be a total ban on advertising in the UK the British tobacco industry would lose its only viable defence against such brands, so you are probably right in your assertion that the UK industry and UK jobs would suffer irreparable damage. But the levels of cigarette consumption would not be affected.

Unless you were to ban smoking altogether, which even Ash (Action on Smoking and Health) does not advocate, the market would simply be supplied from Europe, observed from the dole queue by our former employees.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. SIMPSON, Chief Executive,
Tobacco Advisory Council,
Glen House,
Stag Place, SW1.
December 2.

Inner-city priorities

From the Reverend Canon Michael T. H. Banks.

Sir, There are other factors that could contribute to an increase of hope in urban priority areas which are not mentioned in the Archbishop of Canterbury's report (details, December 2).

There was hope in both inner-city and council estates in the two decades immediately after the wars. In these two decades there was social mobility and educational mobility.

I lived on a council estate as a boy during the early part of those decades. Some estates were considered by the occupants "better" than others. There was a desire by some to move into those "better" areas. The rent in those areas was higher, but people were prepared to pay more for a better environment.

Instead of attacking tax relief on mortgage payments, the report could have advocated substantial differentials in council-house rents, perhaps increasing rents in "better" areas but heavily subsidising rents in other areas. People would not then feel so hopeless. There would be hope in "moving up the social ladder".

Equally the possibility of a scholarship to the local grammar school opened up an entirely different lifestyle to my generation. The comprehensive schools we now have are, as I understand it, neighbourhood schools. Pupils are not educationally mobile. They do not have hope of moving to another educational background.

If a Conservative Government cannot bring back the grammar school, perhaps it can substantially increase the assisted places scheme in the independent sector? Educational mobility of this order can equally foster hope.

Perhaps these motivations in people – to move up the social ladder in housing environment, or to "better" themselves (as they might choose to judge it) in a different educational environment – may be considered by some to be less honourable. I contend that they are human. I realise they are not socialist.

Yours sincerely,
M. T. H. BANKS,
Emmanuel Rectory,
Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
December 2.

Academic freedoms

From Professor Thurstan Shaw

Sir, There are few academics who do not espouse the cause of academic freedom of association and internationalism in scholarship, which a number of your correspondents (November 13, 16, 18, 21 and 27) have championed with such righteous passion, in connection with the decision of the British organizing committee of the World Archaeology Congress to exclude South Africans.

However, it is seldom that a moral "good" is absolute, and it is so in this case, where the unequivocal support of much more fundamental freedoms for the majority of the South African population – and the opportunity to give practical backing to that support – must have precedence over a moral principle, excellent in normal circumstances, but which must take second place in the face of the totally immoral principles at present enshrined in the laws and Constitution of South Africa.

It must be remembered that a decision to admit South Africans in the name of academic freedom would have been a decision to exclude a far greater number of scholars from a large number of other African countries – because in that case their governments would have withdrawn funding, and even permission, to their nationals to attend.

It is no good adopting a Pontius Pilate attitude and saying, "That is nothing to do with us": it is a fact of life today, arising from the depth of African sentiment on the subject, which has been poorly represented in your columns.

Perhaps I have more right than your other correspondents to speak on this, since I have not only pursued archaeology in Africa for many years (with my first excavation there in 1938 and my last one in 1978) but also for many years lived and taught alongside African academic colleagues.

It is unrealistic for those writing from the dreaming spires of Oxford or the pinnacles of the ivory towers of the Royal Society and the British Academy to imagine that total freedom of academic association is possible in the Africa of today; those with their feet on the ground know that it is not.

If, therefore, we cannot get total academic freedom, we want as much of it as it is possible to get: on that calculation there is no doubt that we shall get most, not by admitting a small number of scholars from South Africa, but by receiving a larger number from other African countries.

It is sad that this means excluding those courageous South Africans who, by their work, have indeed helped to undermine the theoretical basis of apartheid. Such scholars are, as it were, underground resistance fighters; but in the last war underground resistance fighters were sometimes killed by the British and American bombs supporting them.

Yours faithfully,
THURSTAN SHAW,
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107 Pall Mall, SW1.
November 29.

Doctor's dilemma

From Mr L. N. Petersen

Sir, I cannot speak for Mrs Gillick (Dr Roger Johnson's letter, November 28) but Tracey might have had the comfort of continuing the pregnancy (without shame) and of knowing, with John, the great joy they gave a childless couple by enabling them to adopt the baby. Nine months may even have awakened parental feelings in them both.

I presume that it is now, sadly, too late for either course.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL PETERSEN,
6 Selwyn Road,
Cambridge.
November 28.

From Professor Emeritus Grahame Clark, FBA, and others

Sir, We have separately and independently resigned as vice-presidents of the World Archaeological Congress due to meet next year at Southampton University. We are unable to share the notion that delegates to a congress ostensibly concerned with the prehistory and protohistory of man should be limited by the political ideologies of the states to which they happen to belong.

We deeply resent the pressures brought to bear on the distinguished scholars forming the executive committee and deplore the fact that these have apparently been brought to bear in the context of a university supported by public funds.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAME CLARK (Peterhouse, Cambridge),
GLYN DANIEL (St John's College, Cambridge),
STUART PIGGOTT (St John's College, Oxford),
The British Academy,
20-21 Cornwall Terrace, NW1.
November 22.

Housey-housey

From Dr W. White

Sir, Not long ago estate agents' boards said one of two things, "For sale" or "Sold". Now we have a proliferation of intermediate phrases, "Under offer", "Sale agreed", "Contracts tendered" and even "Coming shortly".

Excitement mounts as one becomes involved in the levels of negotiation when driving round local housing estates. Perhaps the announcements are to become even more intermediate, "Purchaser backing off a bit", "Haggling over the rising damp", "Mother-in-law says it's badly built".

The tension will become unbearable.

Yours sincerely,
WALLACE WHITE,
72 Galleywood Road,
Great Baddow, Essex.
November 23.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 4 1852

In 1848 Louis Napoleon (1808-73), the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte was elected president of the Second Republic; he was proclaimed emperor of the (second) empire in 1852, deposed in 1871 and died in exile at Chislehurst, Kent. The Times *was intensely hostile to him. Initially, Our Correspondent, J. B. O'Meagher, had written favourably of him, but in so doing incurred the displeasure of the Editor (Delane) and gradually he became an ardent anti-Bonapartist.*

THE EMPIRE IN FRANCE.

[From our second edition of yesterday.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 7 P.M.

At the hour I write this letter we have already lived just 24 hours under the Empire, and the brief ceremony that took place last evening at 7 o'clock in the Chamber of Deputies was ratified by the official acts of this morning, and again confirmed by the military spectacle which closed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He that was President of the Republic but yesterday now occupies, as Emperor of the French, the ancient Palace of the Tuileries. . . .

At 7 o'clock last evening the members of the Legislative Corps held their sitting – the last under the Republic – to proclaim the result of the votes, and to declare in an official manner the re-establishment of the Empire. . . .

The President rose for a moment, and announced that the Secretary was about to read the minutes of the early sitting of the same day. This duty was despatched in about a quarter of an hour. M. Billault then rose and read the report, with the reasons duly set forth for changing the form of government into the Empire, and giving the title of Emperor to the President Louis Napoleon Bonaparte. On concluding his report, M. Billault drew himself up erect, waved his hat over his head, and cried *"Vive l'Empereur!"* The whole of the Deputies – there were about 230 present – also stood up, and uttered the same cry, waving their hats, and many repeated it a second and a third time. It is against the rule of the House, of course, for any cry to be uttered by strangers, but I could observe several ladies joining in the applause in the expressive manner they are accustomed to – waving their handkerchiefs. The President then retired, and was followed by the Deputies. The death sound of the Republic had been uttered. . . . In the large courtyard of the Chamber the carriages to convey the members to St. Cloud were already drawn in order. . . . The night was dark and cold, but fine. The *cortège* was accompanied by an escort of the 7th Lancers; men on horseback, placed at regular distances, with torches in their hands, lighted the way. They passed along the Rue de l'Université, the Esplanade of the Invalides, the Quay d'Orsay, and crossed the bridge of Jena – the flame of the torches gleaming on the river that rolled on in darkness and silence beneath. The funeral procession of the Republic thus passed along. From the groups that met round the entrance of the Chamber I heard no cry. The Mairie of Auteuil was illuminated, and its façade was adorned with four eagles of flame, surmounted with the Imperial crown, and the words *"Vive Napoleon III!"*

At Boulogne a series of eagles, formed of leaves and flowers, adorned the façades of the houses, and the splendid avenue of Auteuil was illuminated. Crowds had gathered from all the country round, and uttered cries of *"Vive l'Empereur."* As the *cortège* approached St. Cloud, signal fires were seen from different points, and the houses were illuminated, and a considerable crowd filled the approaches to that Palace where, 48 years ago, the predecessors of the same men who were now proceeding to announce the birth of the Imperial Government had also repaired on the same mission. . . . The moment Louis Napoleon appeared he was saluted with loud acclamations of *"Vive l'Empereur!"*

M. Billault, President of the Legislative body, advanced, and, in a firm and emphatic voice, read the following speech:–

"Sire,–We lay before your Majesty the solemn expression of the national will . . . take then, Sire, take from the hands of France, that glorious crown which she offers to you; never has a Royal brow worn one more legitimate or more popular."

The members of the Senate and of the Legislative Body returned to Paris at 10 o'clock.

10 o'clock was appointed for the proclamation of the Empire this day at the Hotel de Ville. . . . The National Guards of the rural districts began shortly after to arrive, their flags waving and their bands playing, in the avenue of Neuilly: each battalion took up the position allotted to it on the right side of the avenue, from the Port Maillot to the Triumphal Arch. Many of them were accompanied by operatives belonging to the principal manufactories established in the respective villages, and by the few surviving veterans of the first Empire – some wearing the old familiar uniform, others dressed in plain clothes and blouses, with inscriptions on their hats indicating the battles in which they had taken part. The workmen of Puteaux were preceded by a green banner, fringed with gold and bound with lace of the same material, and bearing the inscription, "Dieu protège sa Majesté Napoleon III., et France sera heureuse." . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 3: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Air Vice-Marshal K. W. Hayr had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Commander British Forces Cyprus and Administrator Sovereign Base Area Cyprus.

The Queen this afternoon visited the Independent Broadcasting Authority to mark its 30th Anniversary.

Her Majesty was received upon arrival at the IBA Headquarters, 70 Brompton Road, SW7 by the *Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster* (Councillor Mrs Haywood), the Chairman of the IBA (the Lord Thomson of Monifieth) and the Director-General (Mr John Whitney).

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mr Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam, Major Hugh Lindsay and Lieutenant Anthony Parr, *RNZN were in attendance.*

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented prizes to the 1985 winners of the English Language Competition and The Duke of Edinburgh English Language Prize Competition.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

This evening His Royal Highness gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal College of Music and presented Certificates to Fellows and Awards to Senior Students.

Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Prince of Wales this morning opened a Conference on "Care for the Dying" organized by the Department of Health and Social Security with the National Association of Health Authorities at Central Hall, Westminster.

Mr David Roycroft and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, *accompanied by* The Princess of Wales, this evening attended the première of the film, *Back to the Future*, in aid of the Trust, at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square.

Viscountess Campden, Mr David Roycroft and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 3: The Duke of Kent today visited Delta Computer Aided Engineering *Limited*, Aston Science Park, and later visited the West Midlands Fire Brigade, Birmingham, on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, this morning attended a Conference on "Care for the Dying" organized by the Department of Health and Social Security with the National Association of Health Authorities at Central Hall, Westminster.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner in support of Live Music Now at Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in *attendance.*

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 3: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor of the University of Lancaster, this afternoon presided at a congregation for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees.

In the evening Her Royal Highness was present at the *University Dinner* given in honour of Professor P. A. Reynolds.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled to Lancashire in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard.

A memorial service for the Hon David St Clair Erskine will be held at 12.15pm tomorrow at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, London, SW3.

A memorial service for Mr Hugh Burden will be held today at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at 11.30am.

An organ recital, in aid of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, will be given by Mr Dewi M. Lewis at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday at 7pm.

Dinners

Lancaster University

Princess Alexandra, Chancellor of Lancaster University, *was present at* a dinner held last night at the university in honour of Professor Philip Reynolds. Others present included:

Sir Alastair Pilkington, Pro-Chancellor, and Lady Pilkington, Professor J H Hanham, Vice-Chancellor, and Mrs Hanham, Mrs P A Reynolds, Sir Charles and Lady Carter and Sir Frank and Lady Pearson.

Speaker

The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Hungary. The Hungarian Ambassador was present. Other guests were:

Mr Robert Adley, MP, Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Lord Auckland, Mr David Crouch, MP, Sir Paul Dean, MP, Mr Roy Hughes, MP, Lord Inglewood, Mr Richard Livsey, MP, Dr Oonagh McDonald, MP, Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, Sir John Page, MP, Mr George Robertson, MP, Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, the Rev Martin Smyth, MP, Mrs Bridgett Ainsen, Canon Trevor Beeson, Mr Michael Davies, Mr Philip Johnson, Mr Henry Knorpel, Mr Anthony Poole, Captain Peter Shaw, Mr Laslo Varkonyi and Mr William Beaumont.

Mr R. O. Anderson

A dinner was given last night by Mr Robert O. Anderson, Chairman of the Atlantic Richfield Company, at Claridge's Hotel. Among those present were:

The Norwegian Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador, the Chargé d'Affaires at the Chinese Embassy, the Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission, the Brazilian Ambassador, the American Ambassador, the Ambassador of Japan.

The Earl of Airlie, Sir Alex Alexander, Lord Annan, Mr Jeffrey Archer, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir David Barran, Sir Donald Barran, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Lord Bernstein, Mr Sidg Bilharz, Lord Blake, Lord Bottomley, Lord Briggs, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Sir Nicholas Bronson, Mr Simon Hornby, Mr Jeremy Bullmore, Lord Bullock, the Hon Adam Butler, MP, Lord Caccia, Sir Alec Cairncross, Mr James Callaghan, MP, Lord Chalfont, Lord Chartoris of Amisfield, Mr David A Clupp.

Sir James Clemmow, Sir John Colville, Mr Lod Cook, Sir Kenneth Couzens, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Mr John Crawford, Mr Harry Cressman, Mr Edmund Dell, Mr John W Dick, Sir John Donaldson, Mr Nicholas Edwards, MP, Lord Ezra, Mr Paul Fox, Lord Franks, CM, Mr Robert Fraser, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Sir Ian Gilmour, MP, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Ronald Grierson, Mr Peter Gregson, Mr John Gunnier, MP, General Sir John Hackett, Mr Edward Heath, MP, Mr Alan R Hirsig, Mr Barney Hayhoe, MP, Sir David Hunt, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, Sir Ronald Halstead, Mr Kenneth Harris.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Mr Roger Harrison, Mr Robert M Hart, Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Sir Christopher Hogg, Mr Michael Horton, Lord Howard, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr T P Jones, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Sir Keith Joseph, MP, Mr Edward Kressel, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr David Lea, Mr Neville Laberdich, Mr C W McMahon, Lord McCarthy, Sir Derek Mitchell, Lord Mishcon, Mr Ian Middleton, Mr Ian MacGregor, Sir Robert Megarry, Sir David McNee, Lord Marsh, Lord Marshall of Leeds, Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, Sir Claus Moser, Sir Arthur Norman.

Sir David Orr, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, Mr Francis Pym, MP, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Peter Preston, Mr James Prior, MP, Lord Quinton, Mr Timothy Raison, MP, Mr Shridath Ramphal, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Mr Mervyn Rees, MP, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, the Hon Jacob Rothschild, Mr Paul Raveales, Mr Gordon Reece, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, Mr Terry Roberts, Lord Roskill, Lord Soames, CH, Lord Salisbury, Mr James B Sherwood, Mr Peter Shore, MP, Mr John Smith, QC, MP, Mr Harold Sorgenti, Mr William Schliedecker, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Sherfield, Lord Slett of Brimpton, Mr David Steel, MP, Mr Jack Stenborg, Sir John Tooley, Sir Ian Trethowan, Mr Denis Thatcher, Sir Charles Villiers, Mr David Walker, Sir David Wilson, Sir Douglas Wass, Dr Ronald Wood, Sir Woodrow Wyatt, Mr John Wakeham, MP, Mr Charles Wilson, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, Lord Weinstock, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Mr Robert E Wycoff, Lord Wigoder, QC, Mr Norman Willis, Lord Windlesham, the Hon George Younger, MP, and Mr Stuart Young.

Salmon and Trout Association

Lord Home of the Hirsel presided at the annual dinner of the Salmon and Trout Association last night at Fishmongers' Hall. The principal guests were the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company and the Duchess of Norfolk, Lady Home, Lady Levinge, the Recorder of London and Lady Miskin and Mr and Mrs F. Fowler. A message was received from Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, patron of the association.

Surrey couple take title

By a Bridge Correspondent

Mr and Mrs P. N. Lee, of Surrey, won the Two Stars event at the English Bridge Union's autumn congress held in Eastbourne at the weekend.

The other main event was the Eastbourne bowl. This was closely contested and resulted in a win by just one point by the Derby-Leicester team, captained by H. Melbourne over R. J. Smith's Surrey team.

RESULTS:

Two Stars: 1, Mr and Mrs P N Lee (Surrey); 2, B Rigal, P Czerniewski (London); 3, D A L Burn, Mrs K Bethe (London).

Eastbourne bowl: 1, H Melbourne, J Mason, K Forsyth, R Bentley (Derby-Leics) 71¼; 2, R J Smith, M Cashman, A Janiez, B Pike (Surrey) 70½; 3, Mrs J Lawson, M Harris, P Gottlieb, H Gotman (Middx-Herts) 65¾.

Lewis Levy cup: Joint 1, M H Fletcher, M J Tan (London) and P Nicholls, A Kay (London-Herts).

Burlington cup: 1, Miss D Holland, D Ryan, C Daly, G P Morris (Kent-Surrey).

Sussex cup: 1, B J Callaghan, C Duckworth, P J Bailey, J E Probst (London).

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Anthony Challis, formerly *Chief Scientist at the Department* of Energy, to be President of the Plastics and Rubber Institute.

Mr L. J. G. Davis, Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, to be the first Director of the Common Law Institute of Intellectual Property from January.

Mrs Kathleen Rosemary Irving, deputy head of *Joseph Leckie* School, to be Headmistress of Birkenhead High School next September, on the retirement of Miss F. Kellett.

Engineers' Company

The Engineers' Company held a ladies evening at the Clothworkers' Hall last night. The Master, Sir Denis Rooke, presided and the other speakers were Sir Robert Reid, and Sir Anthony Jolliffe.

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Abbeyfield Society, will attend a gala performance of *The Marriage of Figaro*, in aid of the society, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on December 12.

The Princess of Wales will attend the annual livery dinner of the Fan Makers' Company at the Mansion House on December 12.

The Prince of Wales will present the Stone Federation's 1985 design *awards for natural stone* at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, on December 13, and later will visit the institute's drawings collection at 21 Portman Square.

The Queen will open the new Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy at Chalfont St Peter on December 13.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the London City Ballet, will attend a gala performance, in aid of the London City Ballet Trust, at Sadler's Wells Theatre on December 15.

Literary prize shared

The Wolfson literary prize for history and biography has been won jointly by John Grigg for the third volume of *The Life of Lloyd George; Lloyd George From Peace to War 1912-1916* (Methuen) and Richard Davenport-Hines's *Dudley Docker, the Life and Times of a Trade Warrior* (Cambridge University Press).

Birthdays today

The Marchioness of Anglesey, 61; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, 62; Mr Ronnie Corbett, 55; Sir Patrick Donner, 81; Miss Gemma Jones, 43; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, 71; Miss Yvonne Minton, 42; Professor Brian Morris, 55; Dr A. L. Rowse, 82; Mr J. C. Trewin, 77; the Rev Professor C. J. M. Weir, 88.

Mr Neil Macfadyen

Mr Neil Macfadyen has been appointed Architect of Ripon Cathedral.

Reception

Lord Colwyn

Lord Colwyn entertained Members of the Houses of Parliament and members of the medical and dental professions at a reception yesterday evening in the House of Lords. Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, was the guest of honour.

Service dinners

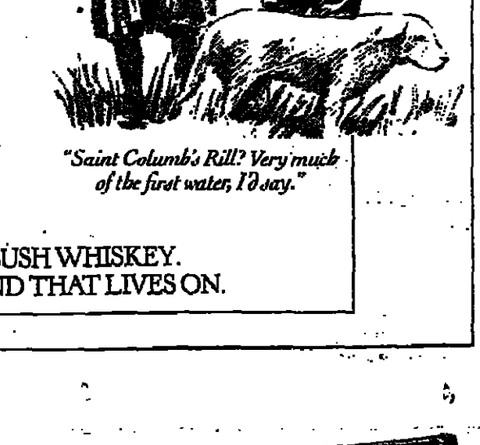
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys)

Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Colonel of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), presided at the annual dinner held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night.

RAF Club Dining Society

The RAF Club Dining Society last night held a dinner at the RAF Club when the guest of honour was Mr Gavin Lyall. Flight Lieutenant L. E. H. Williams presided.

Black Bush. A single malt blended with a single grain. Matured in sherry casks using only the water from Saint Columb's Rill. A formula for producing a fine whiskey that's been good for nearly four hundred years.



"Saint Columb's Rill? Very much of the first water, I'd say."



BLACK BUSH WHISKEY.
A LEGEND THAT LIVES ON.

Sale room

Records tumble at Christie's

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The hectic enthusiasm recorded in New York last month for decorative medium-quality Impressionist and modern pictures spread to London this week, setting a rash of new auction price records.

The top price in Christie's sale on Monday was £734,400 (estimate £700,000-£900,000) for a genuine rarity, Chagall's "La Chambre Jaune" of 1911. Such early works are hard to come by and it looks as if the painting has gone to an American investor.

It was bid for by Citibank, which runs a large art department and advises clients on their art "portfolios". The price sets a new auction price record for Chagall, although it was much in line with expectations.

The sensations came further down the scale. Fantin Latour's flower paintings are the epitome of "decorative" art and Christie's had an exceptional example. Indeed, it was almost two in one as the canvas contained both "Pavots dans un vase de cristal" and a "panier de roses" and it fetched £486,000 (estimate £200,000-£250,000), a new auction price record for the artist. It sold to a private collector bidding over the telephone.

The bidders decided that Christie's had been altogether too conservative with their valuation of a near Fauve Matisse, the "Foret de Fontainebleau" of 1909, which sold for £453,600 (estimate £100,000-£140,000) to William Aquavella, of New York.

With the big exhibition up the road at the Royal Academy, prices for decorative German works were very high. Heinrich Campendonk's "Mädchen mit Katze" made £108,000 (estimate £40,000-£50,000), a new auction price record for the artist and "Drei Kinder" by Georg Schrimpf, a comparatively minor exponent of *Neue Sachlichkeit*, made £84,240 (estimate £40,000-£50,000).

The £280,000 (estimate £200,000-£250,000) for Bariach's wood carving of 1936, "Das schlimme Jahr 1937", was an auction record for the sculptor and the £275,400 (estimate £200,000-£250,000) for Nolde's rich canvas of flowers, "Gladiolen und Sonnenblumen" was just a high price. The evening sale made £4.5 million with 9 per cent unsold.

The sale of secondary pictures on Tuesday morning was weaker on decorative pictures and less well received with a total of £1 million and 31 per cent unsold.

The Germans were again bringing top prices with Nolde's "Nachmittagssonne" of 1904 at £70,200 (estimate £35,000-£45,000). The afternoon drawings sale followed a similar pattern with an August Macke watercolour, "Zwei Akte mit Krug", reaching £37,800 (estimate £18,000-£22,000).

Christie's sale of Chinese works of art in New York on Monday demonstrated that rarities can bring high prices, although 33 per cent was unsold and the sale totalled £912,322. A New York dealer paid $93,500 (estimate $25,000-$30,000) or £61,920 for a pottery model of a watchtower dating from the Han dynasty.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. N. McK. Service and Miss A. R. Dundas

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of the late Mr I. McK. Service and of Mrs Service, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr Hugh and the Hon Mrs Dundas.

Mr N. T. Carter and Miss A. C. Glidewell

The engagement is announced between Nigel Thomas, son of the late Mr Peter Carter, CMG, and of Mrs Peter Carter, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Alison Claré, younger daughter of Sir Iain and Lady Glidewell, of Oldfield, Knutsford, Cheshire.

Mr P. M. W. Bennett and Miss E. A. Mayes

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. P. F. Bennett, of Frant, Sussex, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Mayes, of Caterham, Surrey.

Mr A. W. Bird and Miss E. C. Kelway-Bamber

The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Bird, of Casa Italiana, Sintra, Portugal, and Emma, only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Kelway-Bamber and of Mrs Kelway-Bamber, of The Old Rectory, Wield, Hampshire.

Mr C. M. Fleetwood and Miss C. J. MacGregor Truscott

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mrs B. J. Fleetwood and the late Mr M. R. Fleetwood, of Stratton, Cornwall, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W MacGregor Truscott, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Mr D. Jones and Miss E. Page

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Jones, of 6 The Paddocks, Harston, Cambridgeshire, and Elspeth, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs Michael Page, of Hilperton Grange, Wiltshire BA14 7QY.

Mr R. W. Raywood and Miss N. M. Biggs

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mrs A. M. V. Raywood, of Sedgeford, Norfolk, and of the late Mr N. B. Raywood, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Biggs of Impington, Cambridge.

Mr A. H. Ritchie and Miss N. K. Harris

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. O. Ritchie, of Thornfield House, Vine Road, London, SW13, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Harris, of Rushop Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

Mr B. J. Sington and Miss L. V. D. Williams

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mrs June Sington, of London, and Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Austin T. Williams, of Hayle, Cornwall.

Mr R. N. H. Taylor and Miss S. Fosse Opsahl

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, between Richard, younger son of Mr James Taylor, of 14 High Street, Bruton, Somerset, and Mrs Diana Taylor, of Wards Farm, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and Synve, daughter of Professor Torkel Opsahl, of Rødnes, Norway, and *Mrs Torgunn Fosse, of Oslo,* Norway.

Mr N. J. Whittaker and Miss R. E. C. Lambert

The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Whittaker, of Hilton, Derbyshire, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs N. G. Lambert, of Tysoe, Warwickshire.

Marriage

Mr A. S. Dudgeon and Miss J. J. K. Waddell

The marriage took place on Friday, November 29, 1985, between Mr A. S. Dudgeon and Miss J. J. K. Waddell.



Dame Jill Knight, MP, who received her insignia of Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Memorial service

Mr E. J. T. Bagshawe

A memorial service for Mr Edward Bagshawe was held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel yesterday. The Rev F. V. A. Boyes, Preacher of Lincoln's Inn Chapel, officiated. Mr Justice Warner, treasurer, read the lesson.

Luncheons

Corporation of London

The Lord Mayor responded to the civic toast proposed by the Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, at a luncheon given yesterday by the Corporation of London Police Committee at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Among the guests were:

Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, members of the House of Lords and House of Commons, the Director of Public Prosecutions, aldermen, members and high officers of the Corporation of London, the Commissioner and members of the City of London Police, chief constables and members of other police forces.

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr David Crouch, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a luncheon held at the Goring Hotel, *Victoria, yesterday in honour of a* parliamentary delegation from Hungary, led by Mrs Ilona Cservenka, Vice-President of the National Assembly.

Aircraft Golfing Society

Dr David Owen, MP, was the principal guest at a luncheon given by the Aircraft Golfing Society at the Café Royal yesterday. Sir Austin Pearce presided and the other speakers were Mr Pete Murray and Mr John Brewer.

Latest wills

Mr Patrick David Barr, of Wandsworth, London, the actor, left estate valued at £58,071 net.

Mr Kenneth Edward Barron Rae, of Notting Hill, London, former secretary of the Joint Council of the National Theatre and the Old Vic, left estate valued at £315,399 net.

Dr Archibald Edmund Clark-Kennedy, of Cambridge, consultant physician, left estate valued at £133,400 net.

Church news



The Ven Nigel McCulloch (above) Archdeacon of *Sarum, is to be Bishop of* Taunton, in succession to the Right Rev Peter Nott, who will be enthroned as Bishop of Norwich on December 20.

Other appointments

The Rev H B Barry, Vicar, St Alban with All Saints, Acton Green, diocese of London, to be also Sub-Warden for the Guild of St Raphael.

The Rev C S Cooke, Assistant Curate, Central Telford, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector, Uffington Upton Magna and Withington, same diocese.

The Rev Jack J Draper, to be Priest-in-charge, Yoxford, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Rev T S Enser, formerly Assistant Curate of St Paul's Cathedral, Victoria, Seychelles, to be Vicar, St Benedict, Northampton, diocese of Peterborough.

The Rev P J Eskelen, Vicar, Tregoodwe, Mawgan and Upothery, diocese of Exeter, to be also Priest-in-charge, Cotleigh, same diocese.

The Rev L J Green, Rector, Manor Parish, Team, Sheffield, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar, Nether with Upper Poppleton, diocese of York.

Canon W Kelly, Vicar, Dalston with Cumdivock and Rural Dean of Carlisle, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, diocese of Carlisle, to be also Priest-in-charge, Raughton Head, same diocese.

The Rev W P K Kentigern-Fox, Rector, Eyrfield with Rackington, and Priest-in-charge, Charvelton, diocese of Peterborough, to be Vicar, St Michael and All Angels with St Edmund, Northampton, same diocese.

The Rev K Martin, Priest-in-charge, Worcester Holy Trinity, diocese of Worcester, to be Priest-in-charge, Stoulton with Drakes Broughton and Pirton and Norton, same diocese.

The Rev P Pollak, Vicar, Grimley with Holt and Rural Dean of Martley and Worcester West, diocese of Worcester, to be also an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

Preb H H Rann, Vicar, Colyton, with Colyford and Southleigh, diocese of Exeter, to be also Priest-in-charge, Offwell, Widworthy and Northleigh, same diocese.

The Rev E W Sadler, Curate, Kirkheatham, diocese of York, to be Rector, Thornton-le-Street with North Cowton, Thornton-le-Moor, Thornton-le-Beans and South Otterington, same diocese.

The Rev R L Sturges, Vicar, Treverbyn, diocese of Truro, to be Vicar, Newlyn, same diocese.

The Rev R L Vernon, Vicar, St Paul's Bordesley Green, diocese of Birmingham, to be Diocesan Youth Officer (South and East) in the diocese of Carlisle, and Priest-in-charge, Holme, diocese of Carlisle.

Church of Scotland

The Rev M Gordon from Brechin Cathedral to Airdrie West.

The Rev P Hogsden from Motherwell North to Edinburgh, Craigsockhart.

The Rev Dr R MacLeod from Barnoch to Canisbay and Keiss.

Il Rev I. A B Whitley from Bushy East with Bushy West to Montrose Old.

The Rev D A MacLean from Carloway to Kirkmichael and Tomintoul.

The Rev I G Gough from Glasgow St James's (Pollok) to associate at Bearsden New Kilpatrick.

The Rev R Mackenzie from Alves and Burghead to Dundee Lochee Old and St Luke's.

The Rev I F Paton from Banchory Ternan West to Glasgow Newlands South.

The Rev G F M Thomson from Stirkoke linked with Yarrow to associate at Dollar with Glendevon with Muckhart.

The Rev G Oliver from Community Minister at Hamilton Trinity to Alyth.

The Rev R L Glover from Arbroath St Vigean's with Knox's to Edinburgh St George's West.

The Rev R W Thompson from Glasgow Dennistoun, Blacklarers to Lochbead.

The Rev A H Ward from Dumfries, Greyfriars to Cambuslang, Old.

The Rev A J R Fowler from Durness with Kinlochervie to Paisley, St Columba Foxbar.

Inductions

The Rev A M Fraser to Gartnoch with Glenboig.

The Rev W G Black to Newport-on-Tay.

The Rev Catherine W Taylor to Whitaw Chalmers.

The Rev I G Grainger to Manton with Newton.

The Rev W G Jones to Kirkmichael with Straiton St Cuthbert's.

The Rev J E Andrews to Ardrishaig with South Knapdale.

The Rev Agnes A Reid to associate at Douglas St Bride's with Douglas Water and Rigside.

The Rev R Call to Addiewell with Longridge and Breich with Stoneyburn.

The Rev I V Gibson to Edinburgh Dry'aw.

The Rev Mary L Hutchison to Dumfries Lincluden with Holywood.

The Rev Susan M Brown to Kilbarchan.

The Rev J D Thomson to Methil.

The Rev K R Thom to Dundee, Mains.

The Rev Elaine Lawson to Glasgow, the Martyrs'.

The Rev G Gammack to associate at Aberdeen, Mastrick.

The Rev Phyllis Wilson to Howgood.

The Rev A G McIntyre to Greenock, St Ninian's.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. W. Raywood and Miss N. M. Biggs

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mrs A. M. V. Raywood, of Sedgeford, Norfolk, and of the late Mr N. B. Raywood, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Biggs of Impington, Cambridge.

Mr A. H. Ritchie and Miss N. K. Harris

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. O. Ritchie, of Thornfield House, Vine Road, London, SW13, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Harris, of Rushop Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

Mr B. J. Sington and Miss L. V. D. Williams

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mrs June Sington, of London, and Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Austin T. Williams, of Hayle, Cornwall.

Mr R. N. H. Taylor and Miss S. Fosse Opsahl

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, between Richard, younger son of Mr James Taylor, of 14 High Street, Bruton, Somerset, and Mrs Diana Taylor, of Wards Farm, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and Synve, daughter of Professor Torkel Opsahl, of Rødnes, Norway, and *Mrs Torgunn Fosse, of Oslo,* Norway.

Mr N. J. Whittaker and Miss R. E. C. Lambert

The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Whittaker, of Hilton, Derbyshire, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs N. G. Lambert, of Tysoe, Warwickshire.

Science report

Watching roots growing in the dark

By Andrew Wiseman

When scientists want to investigate what happens in conditions of total darkness they face an obvious difficulty. They will almost certainly need light to see what is going on, and therefore run the risk of changing the very processes they wish to monitor.

This was the dilemma for scientists at the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research, Aberdeen, that had to be solved when they *decided to study how plant roots* grew in compacted soil. They had to evolve a method which would not interfere with that process, yet allow it to be measured and recorded.

Although it was once thought that roots were *indifferent to light,* it is now known that some are very sensitive to it. Light probably affects all roots to some extent although the phytochrome found in them is not sensitive to radiation of more than 800 monometres, (plant darkness).

The first thing the researchers did was to design and build a lightproof miniature growth box. They surrounded this photo chamber with panels of infra-red emitting diodes. The direction and intensity of the radiation produced by these diodes could be varied, to provide the greatest degree of illumination for any experiment.

The box was filled with a translucent material, one per cent of glutinous agar, which made it possible to create different degrees of compaction. When seedlings in this compound were backlit with the infra-red source, their roots could be seen in clear silhouette.

This chamber was then linked to a video camera in such a way as to exclude any stray light and video image analysis equipment. That included a time lapse video recorder, a time date generator, a monitor, microcomputer and analog/digital converter. The equipment made it possible to measure the growth rate of a root with great accuracy by feeding the coordinates of the root tip into the video analyser.

As they were setting up the experiment, the scientists used night vision goggles, to ensure that plant tissues were not exposed to any light, even the so-called green safe light. With the help of these goggles they were able to manipulate the plant tissues in darkness.

By channeling roots into narrow apertures in the growing medium and using time-lapse videographics the researchers have already established that the widely held view that roots cannot enter rigid apertures with a diameter smaller than that of the root tip, is wrong.

It now appears that the tip has enough plasticity to do that by changing its shape. When a sunflower root was made to grow down a tube only slightly wider than itself and then came across a barrier to further progress, it bent through 180 degrees, retreated, and continued to travel up the tube.

Research has shown that roots are much more versatile and flexible than was thought and that compact soil does not prevent their growth: a positive encouragement to gardeners with stony soil.

OBITUARY

MR ALEX DIBBS

Role in creation of NatWest

Mr Alex Dibbs, CBE, who died on November 28 at the age of 66, was chief executive of the National Westminster Bank from 1972 to 1977, and deputy chairman from 1977 to 1982.

Arthur Henry Alexander Dibbs, the son of H. J. Dibbs, was born in Bombay on December 9, 1918 and educated at Dover College and Whitgift Middle School.

He joined the Streatham branch of the Westminster Bank in 1935 after an application to join an insurance company had been turned down.

He saw service in the Second World War in the King's African Rifles in the Middle East and Africa.

Thereafter, except for three years when he was manager of the bank's Croydon branch, his career was mainly at head office.

From 1953 to 1959 he was personal assistant to the redoubtable Arthur Chesterfield, then chief general manager, and during this time he was right in the centre of the preparations for the banking explosion that followed the removal in July 1958 of all the post-war capital raising and lending restrictions. Unfortunately this freedom was short lived and restrictions were back by the time Dibbs set off for the Harvard Business School in 1963.

However, the experience served him well when he became chief executive of the National Westminster Bank in 1972 and the banks were enjoying new freedom under the policies that followed the Bank of England's paper *Competition and Credit Control* in 1971.

In the meantime he had become a joint general manager of the Westminster Bank in 1966 and a key figure as general manager of domestic banking in the newly merged National Westminster Bank in 1968.

Tall and heavy in physique, ebullient by nature, thrustful and dynamic in action, Dibbs was characteristic as well as part-architect of the forceful new institution NatWest became as it sought for a greater market share.

The bank was well placed to compete aggressively, both at home and internationally, in the widening financial world. But the collapse of the property boom and the secondary banking crisis soon brought mounting bad debts to NatWest, as it did to all major banks. Indeed at one point there was a far fetched rumour that NatWest was financially embarassed and after a denial from the chairman it fell to Dibbs to spend one Saturday morning in his office talking to bankers the world over and cheerfully allaying any fears about the bank.

Keenly interested in sport, playing rugby and cricket for his school and the bank, he later became an avid spectator when not himself on the golf course. He served on the finance committee of the MCC and ultimately became president of the club in 1983.

He also joined the board of British Airways as one of Lord King's team to streamline the corporation and was a joint deputy chairman from 1981 *until earlier this year.*

He was made CBE in 1983.

In 1948 he married Helen *Pearl Mathewson. They had* two daughters.

MR RODERICK ENTHOVEN

Mr Roderick Enthoven, who died in London on November 24 at the age of 85, was an architect with a taste for scholarship who played an active part in the organizations of his profession. He served a term as president of the Achitectural Association in 1948-49, and from 1956 to 1958 was chairman of the board of education of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was a vice-president of the RIBA 1951-53.

Roderick Eustace Enthoven was born on May 30, 1900, and educated at *Clifton College.* He received his architectural training at the Architectural Association School, and from *1926* to 1928 was on its teaching staff. For some years he was in practice with Humphrey Pakington, later the 5th Baron Hampton.

During the Second World War he was Civil Camouflage Officer at the Air Ministry from 1940 to 1944, before being sent to Italy as a Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Officer, where he played a considerable part in recording war damage, supervising immediate repairs and tracing and recovering looted works.

From 1946 to 1948 he was *Librarian at the RIBA. He then* returned to private practice, going into partnership with Rudolf Mock.

Among the buildings on which Enthoven worked were Khartoum University, where he carried out the design of W. G. Newton, the Goldsmiths' College in London, the City of London Polytechnic, the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Poplar, and Queen Elizabeth House in Oxford. They showed *him to be a designer who,* though by instinct a traditionalist, was aware of current needs.

He married in 1933 Cecilia Mary Le Mesurier, who survives him together with their three sons.

MAISIE FIELDING

Maisie Fielding, who died suddenly on November 24, at the age of 59, was the wife of impresario Harold Fielding and for more than 40 years had been closely associated with all his concert and theatrical productions.

She was a director of the production company, Harold Fielding Ltd, which has presented some thirty major musicals in London since their initial stage production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* at the London Coliseum in 1958.

An acknowledged authority on stage constumes, she made this aspect of their theatrical work her special responsibility, and she was both patron and friend of many leading designers and costumiers in London and New York.

Her influence had plyed a part in many designers' careers, notably with the late Lote Sainthill, who did much of his most important stage work for Fielding shows.

Her tact and considered judgement were bywords in the theatrical profession and she was the trusted confidante of all members of the companies from junior chorus girl to senior star.

Her death was totally unexpected, and less than 48 hours previously she had held auditions for cast replacements in their current West End production.

There were no children. She is survived by her husband.

University news

Cambridge

College Elections

CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Fellowship from November 22: I M Leslie, BASc (Toronto), PH.D, university assistant lecturer in computer laboratory.

CLARE HALL

Non-stipendiary research fellowships in the sciences from October 1: R J Weaver (electrochemistry), R N Hayward (physics), D Pedman (physics), R A Quinlan (molecular biology), C Tuvaraleosingam (physics). Fellowship (from November 1): Dr H G M Williamson.

DARWIN COLLEGE

Dr H H R Love, Monash University, Melbourne (Queen's fellow for 1984-87) has been elected into a visiting fellowship.

Official fellowship from July 18: G Meeks, Ph.D. (Edinburgh), assistant director of research in the faculty of economics and politics.

Visiting fellowship: O Reynolds, BA, (Utah).

Senior Judith E Wilson visiting fellow for 1985-86.

DOWNING COLLEGE

Re-elected to exhibition in philosophy: E M Mayor elected to title of scholar (natural science): M D Dyason elected to scholarship (English): H M Down; elected to exhibition, (English): E A Morshead; college prize (English): H M Down.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Honorary fellowships of the college: Michael J Frayn, BA and Professor U Holt, Master of Fitzwilliam College.

FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE

1912 scholarship from October 1: P C Roberts, Bromsgrove School, Cheadle.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

Choral scholarship: S B Dilley, Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton.

GONVILLE AND CAIUS COLLEGE

Professorial fellowships from October 1: M P Halstead, MA, PhD, university treasurer; and Professorial fellowship from October 1: M Morris, MA, (Newnham College), LL.M. (Columbia), university lecturer in the subjects of criminology and I R Ward, MA, LLB.

GIRTON COLLEGE

Professorial fellowships from October 1: K N C Bray, MBE (Pretoria), Ph.D (Southampton), Hopkinson and Imperial Chemical Industries professor of applied thermodynamics; Overseas fellowship from July 1: F Franks, OBE, D.Phil (Oxon), Fellowship from October 1: C J

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

First shot in the second Weinstock revolution

Lord Weinstock arrived 19 minutes and 50 seconds late for the GEC press conference announcing his 160p a share offer for Plessey; until he arrived, it was *Hamlet without* the prince. The great bid maestro immediatley demonstrated that he had lost none of his vim, charm, or capacity for the telling aside, and the meeting took wing. Reports that the Weinstock wit and *wisdom* have been entombed in a cash mountain now look highly suspect, especially since the approach to Plessey may well prove to be the first vital step in the manifestly necessary job of restructuring the British telecommunications industry.

That is perhaps why the GEC share price immediately turnd round after an adverse stock market reaction to yesterday's poor interim figures, and finished the day 12p higher at 186p. Plessey shares ended the day at 172p, some 12p higher than the offer price, thereby confounding one of Lord Weinstock's most telling comments.

He emphasized that he thought the terms were right, that they might be reduced from 160p, and that the offer price was his price "There's no minimum about it".

On the motivation behind the approach, he agreed that the privatization of British Telecom had been a material factor propelling the group into an approach. There had been a change in the management style of the newly-privatized BT, which had imposed a more difficult climate for suppliers. Rather than tear each other's throats out, it seemed wiser for GEC and Plessey to get together as suppliers to British Telecom.

On a possible Monopolies Commission referral, Lord Weinstock saw no rationale behind such a move, since broadly only BT and the Ministry of Defence were involved as customers. On Sir John Clark, chairman of Plessey and an industrialist with whom Lord Weinstock does not see eye to eye, his comment was: "He's a nice man. We've never had a quarrel". Immediately afterwards, Lord Weinstock said he was worried about the cash rundown at Plessey, suggesting that this did not square with some of the details in the accounts.

On redundancies, and almost in defiance of his own press release, which refers pregnantly to "the release from substantial duplicated effort of scarce skills", he denied suggestions of wholesale redundancies, saying that rationalization meant doing more things with the same people. At the same time, the voice of *vintage* Arnold was heard briefly, when he said, Like a knife: "If we find waste, we'll cut it".

On informing the Government about a possible shakeup in the trading structure of one of its most important suppliers, Lord Weinstock told the meeting jauntily that the Government had been informed *on Monday night*. The private sector lives and breathes!

Yet Lord Weinstock, in a way, was right to stress the *opera bouffe* element (he had to be dragged out of Covent Garden at a crucial juncture of the AEI-GEC-English Elecric deal in the Sixties). Much remains to be sorted out. Plessey's only response so far to the bid approach has been to convene a board meeting for this morning.

Though the City was buzzing last night about all manner of possible permutations which might accrue from the deal – a joint venture on telecommunications, an exchange of divisions – the approach could not have come at a worst time for Plessey. Months ago, Sir John Clark talked about a possible link-up between his company and GEC, but emphasized that he would prefer to choose an appropriate moment. This December is hardly the best moment.

Plessey had virtually exhausted its huge cash balances, built up in anticipation of the pressure on working capital caused by System X. Delays in the programme have not helped the group's balance sheet. Should the GEC deal go through quite simply, then GEC ought in theory to be the sole beneficiary of the cash receipts from the programme.

As sole supplier, GEC could in theory put greater pressure on BT to play to more easily observable commercial rules. Recognition that Plessey was experiencing difficulties has lain behind the series of bear raids in the stock market on Plessey

There can be no doubt either about the potential economies of scale which the enlarged group might enjoy. In world markets, the two groups together would occupy eighth position in the public switching equipment league table, compared with a current tenth and ninth. In total telecommunications manufacturing, the merged operation would move up to seventh place.

The sting in the tail is the impact of the privatization programme. On the one hand, if GEC does merge its operations with Plessey, then large scale redundancies, pro forma, look inevitable. The BT flotation would then be seen to have led directly to higher redundancies, and would cast a long shadow over the British Gas flotation. On the other hand, the two groups together, under the leadership of Lord Weinstock, would be better equipped to trade in world markets.

Yesterday's interim GEC figures showed a 13 per cent fall in pretax profits to £289 million; a minute rise in the interim dividend to 1.40p; and a drop in the cash mountain to under £1.4 billion.

Within GEC, the electronic components systems performed especially poorly, and telecommunications were also dull. Does Lord Weinstock need Plessey as Plessey clearly needs GEC?

Bid binge brings headache

To refer, or not to refer. That is the question occupying the keen legal mind of Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. As the City's takeover fever reaches epidemic proportions, it is he who must determine whether the outbreak might endanger the nation's long-term health. Is corporate wealth – earned or borrowed – to be the sole judge of who owns British businesses or should the Monopolies and Mergers Commission at least look at the implications of the bid bonanza?

Mr Brittan is now studying the Office of Fair Trading's report on the £1.8 billion bid by Elders IXL for Allied-Lyons. The normal timetable would expect him to pronounce on whether the bid should be referred to the Monopolies Commission before its first closing date on Monday. Suchis the enormity of the decision that it seems likely to take him well into next week. For even Allied, ardent proponent of a reference, cannot claim that there are any grounds of competition that make Elders an unsuitable partner. The argument is simply one of "public interest" and once embarked on the vagaries of that concept who can say what is a suitable case for reference?

If Elders effort should be examined because it is a highly leveraged bid, then who could argue against a reference of Argyll's ambitious bid for Distillers? And if the fact that Elders is an Antipodean concern should influence the Minister, then should he be equally impressed by the zenophobic arguments of the Scottish lobby?

Mr Brittan's problems are deep and fundamental. His consumer affairs minister Michael Howard recently echoed the policy laid down by Norman Tebbit when he was trade secretary: competition policy was to be based primarly on grounds of competition.

That however, was before Sir Terence Conran decided that he would like another chunk of the high street, in the shape of British Home Stores. It was before Imperial Group and United Biscuits revealed that they felt the only way to cope with the increasing concentration among food retailers was to do a bit of concentration themselves. And, of course, as Mr Brittan must now be pondering, his department's view of mergers was last articulated before Lord Weinstock had focused his attention on Plessey.

The Minister is not inclined to be rushed into pronouncing on Elders. Could he expect the Monopolies Commission to cope with a spate of referrals on this scale? The 30 members, sitting six to a case, are only part-timers. Although the Secretary of State is empowered to draft in extra bodies, the back-up staff of just over 100 could not be expected to shovel through a takeover spree on this scale.

Thus it is the United Biscuits and Imperial Group link up which most obviously cries out for a reference on competition grounds. Together those companies crunch the lion's share of the savoury snacks market. Three years ago when Nabisco took over Huntley & Palmers, the Monopolies Commission took a look and gave the go ahead but it insisted that any further concentration in the crisps business would require "careful scrutiny".

Singapore market to reopen with ban on forward trading

From Paul Routledge, Singapore

The Singapore Stock Exchange is to reopen tomorrow, after an unprecedented three-day shutdown, amid moves for sweeping reforms of the securities industry.

Legislation will be put before the island's parliament early in the New Year ot introduce external controls on trading methods. Meantime, short-term measures are being taken to mitigate the impact of the failure of Pan-Electric, the big industrial corporation.

The big four banks of Singapore have agreed to provide a 180 million (£60 million) line of credit to strengthen confidencen the securities industry and the stock market.

When the Stock Exchange reopens for business, forward trading will be forbidden. Under a new agreement hammered out in 36 hours of talks, the exchange and the banks have agreed to permit "normal trading on an immediate delivery basis," that is within 24 hours.

This deal "will pave the way for a strengthening of the stockbroking industry and should restore confidence among the investing public in our stock market," the parites told a press conference last night.

In Kuala Lumpur, Mr Abdul Razak Shaikh Mahmood, chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange, would not say if the exchange would also open tomorrow, but indications are that it would.

Mr J. Y. Pillai, managing director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, declined to give details of the laws being drafted but said: "I can only say they will be fairly radical. They will amount to regulation of the Stock Exchange."

The new legislation will involve revision of the Securities Industry Act, and the reforms will also permit the entry of financial institutions and foreign companies to strengthen the capital base of the securities industry.

There will be a new supervisory committee, consisting of leading figures nominated by the banks and the monetary authority "to support the committee of the exchange and strengthen the management of its affairs."

Furthermore, all member firms have agreed to enlarge their capital base

The package agreed between the banks, the Stock Exchange and the monetary authority adds up to the most comprehensive reform in the republic's efforts to put Singapore on the map as Asia's leading financial centre.

That image was severely dented by the three-day suspension of trading, a desperate measure resulting from cavalier forward buying by Pan-Electric Companies.

Pan-Electric is now in receivership, but the ripples of its trading activities will continue to be felt for some time. The S$180 million fund is designed to sustain broking firms at risk because of over-commitment in the market.

C & W share offer launched at 587p with split payment

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

The £933 million offer for sale of shares in Cable and Wireless, the international telecommunications group, was launched formally yesterday when the price for each of the 159 million shares on offer was struck at 587p.

The prospectus will be advertised tomorrow and application lists will close at 10am next Wednesday, with 300p payable on application and the balance on March 7.

Applications are warned in the prospectus that "criminal proceedings may be instituted if you make more than one application on a public application form" in an effort to prevent a repeat of the multiple applications that plagued the British Telecommunication flotation. The Director of Public Prosecutions has yet to decide whether to bring charges against alleged British Telecom offenders.



Sir Eric Sharp: An exciting day

A consortium of four merchant banks, including J Henry Schroder Wagg, Kleinwort Benson, County Bank and Morgan Grenfell, underwrote the offer, which consists of the Government's remaining 22.7 per cent stake in the company and a one-for-eight rights issue.

Sub-underwriting of the issue, the largest on the London market since British Telecom, was successfully completed by Rowe & Pitman and Cazenove, the stock broking firms.

Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, senior partner of Rowe & Pitman, said that demand for the shares among the institutions was considerably in excess of the amount on offer

Up to two thirds of the shares can be recalled from the sub-underwriting institutions to meet general demand. The effect of this is that in the event of heavy demand, some 53.8 million shares valued at £316 million will be available to the public, employees and pensioners of Cable and Wireless.

Sir Eric Sharp, chairman of Cable and Wireless, said it was an exciting day for the company since it signalled the end of government involvement.

The company's shares fell 10p to 610p, leaving the offer for sale at a 4 per cent discount to the ruling market price.

$201m fall in UK reserves

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's official reserves fell by an underlying $201 million (£136 million) last month, despite the pound's rise against the dollar.

The fall ran counter to suggestions from foreign exchnge dealers that European central banks have been intervening to steady the dollar's fall.

The reserves stood at $15,976 million at the end of last month, compared with $16,310 million at the end of October. The actual fall was $334 million but, after taking account of foreign currency borrowing and repayments, the underlying drop was $201 million.

The dollar continued its recovery from the lows of Monday, when the pound rose above £1.50 and below DM2.50

Official figures released in Washington did not dent the dollar's rise. The index of leading indicators rose 0.3 per cent in October, the sixth consecutive monthly rise. The Commerce Department also revised up the rise in the index in September from 0.1 per cent to 0.4 per cent.

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary, said that recent increases in the leading indicators poiinted towards continued economic expansion next year, and that the Administration's growth target of 4 per cent in 1986 remained a realistic prospect.

However, home sales dropped by 5.5 per cent in October, the sharpest fall since April

The pound lost ground against the dollar, dipping 35 points to $1.4820. It rose against most other currencies.

The dollar rose to DM2.5355. Later in New York, it was quoted at $1.4825 against the pound and DM2.5345.

The pound's fall from $1.50 on Monday has dashed money market hopes of a possible half-point reduction in bank base rates.

J Sainsbury issue will raise £100m

By Patience Wheatcroft

J. Sainsbury is to raise up to £100 million in its first public fund-raising since its stock market launch in 1973. The company has been given an "AA" on Standard & Poor's investment ratings, which makes it the highest-ranked food retailing chain in the world.

Sainsbury is raising the money to finance an expansion programme which this year will top the £245 million the company spent in the year to March. Sainsbury has 274 supermarkets, 26 Homebase do-it-yourself stores and six Savacentres run in conjunction with British Home Stores.

The eurosterling bond issue is being managed by S. S. Warburg. A tranche of £60 million will be used initially. Helped by Standard & Poor's rating, the seven-year notes will carry a coupon of only 10⅞ per cent. Standard & Poor says that it has given the company the sought-after "AA" because of its capital structure and strong earnings performance, with the emphasis on increasing margin improvement.

In its last half year figures for the six months to October, Sainbury surprised analysts by its ability to widen net margins from 4.49 per cent to a record 4.65 per cent. Pre tax profits for the period rose by 23.2 per cent to £92.4 million.

The proceeds from the issue will initially be used to refinance existing short-term and long-term commitments.

Sainsbury had been said to be a potential bidder for its Savacentre partner, British Home Stores, before Habitat Mothercare announced its merger with BHS, but Sainbury has consistently denied that it would mount an aggressive takeover. Its policy is to expand by opening stores: more than 40 per cent of its selling space has been opened in the past five years.

Trafalgar ready to sell stake in the 'Standard'

By Ian Griffiths

The fate of Trafalgar House's 50 per cent stake in *The London Standard*, the capital's evening newspaper, will be decided within a week.

Trafalgar will sell the stake to the joint owner, Associated Newspapers, if it increases its offer price substantially. Associated is thought to have offered less than £15 million for the stake. Trafalgar believes it is worth nearer £30 million, which values the *Standard* at about £55 million.

Sir Nigel Broackes, Trafalgar's chairman, said: "We do not believe in joint ownerships going on for ever. We have offered to buy out Associated and they have said they do not want to sell at any price.

"They have made an inadequate offer. If they come up with a substantially better offer, we will sell. The talks are continuing but if there is not a deal in the next week, there will not be one for the foreseeable future."

If Associated does not increase its offer, Trafalgar will continue with joint ownership. Under the terms of that agreement, Trafalgar must offer its share to Associated.

Sir Nigel announced that Trafalgar's preliminary pretax profits were £142 million for the year to September 30, up from £113.2 million. Sales rose to £1,912 million from £1,613 million. A final dividend of 6.1p makes 11p for the year against 10p last time.

Sir Nigel reaffirmed Trafalgar's commitment to the Euroroute Channel-crossing scheme. He said the chances of the scheme being adopted were "even money". Tempus, page 19

IN BRIEF

'Forecasts' to end

Illustrative bonus projections used by life insurance companies to promote their with profits insurance and pensions will disappear by the end of next year, according to Mr Bill Proudfoot, chief general manager of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, writes Lawance Lever.

Mr Proudfoot, who is also a member of the Marketing of Investment Board Organizatn Committee (Miboc), said yesterday that the Life Insurance Council had "more or less made its mind up" to end what he termed "the nonsensical bonus illustration set-up".

He said the abolition of projections would also be required under the terms of the Government's forthcoming financial services legislation, which prohibits false and misleading advertisements.

Offer for Pyke

Glen International is making a tender offer for Pyke Holdings to acquire shares representing, together with the 533,500 Pyke shares it already owns, up to 28.5 per cent of the share capital

RHM advances

Ranks Hovis McDougall increased pretax profits from £50.7 million to £71.5 million in the year to August 31. Turnover rose from £1.213 million to £1.314 million and the final dividend is 3.45p, up from 2.76p. Tempus, page 19

Property launch

Merivale Moore, a Kensington property developer, is coming to the stock market via a placing of 2.5 million shares by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank. At the placing price of 115p a share the company is capitalized at £13.7 million. Dealings are expected to start next Tuesday Tempus, page 19



Mr Michael Angus, above becomes chairman of Unilever plc and a vice-chairman of Unilever NV. He has been with Unilever for 31 years and a director since 1970. He is a former director for North America and intends to expand operations there. Mr Angus replaces Sir Kenneth Durham, who has reached retirement age.

Engineer ahead

Matthew Hall, the engineering designer and contractor, forecast pretax profits approaching £15.8 million for the year ending this month. Pretax profits for the first nine months rose from £10.5 million to £11.4 million. The interim dividend is up from 0.68p to 1.5p.

Increase in oil demand raises tanker rates

Increased winter demand for oil has pushed up world tanker chartering rates with some VLCCs (very large crude carriers) coming out of lay-up, according to Eggar Forrester, the London shipbroker.

The broker suggests that the market is likely to stay firm this month, but is unlikely to remain so in the New Year.

In the dry cargo markets a steady flow of inquiries is likely to ease rates upwards, but a quiet winter is predicted.

Eggar Forrester is cautious about short-term prospects because rehabilitation schemes are still unresolved for Far East shipowners in or on the brink of receivership. At the same time heavy shipyard cancellations and a markedly increased scrappage rate could support charter rate levels.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1128.3 (+3.9)
FT All Share	n.a.
FT Govt Securities	83.56 (–0.40)
FT-SE 100	1415.6 (–2.9)
Bargains	31,225
Datastream USM	108.37 (–0.82)
New York	
Dow Jones	1461.34 (+3.43)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12774.55 (–22.37)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1664.06 (–30.51)
Amsterdam:	234.8 (–4.4)
Sydney: AO	936.6 (–1.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1694.2 (+5.0)
Brussels:	
General	949.14 (–13.82)
Paris: CAC	242.7 (–2.4)
Zurich:	
SKA General	466.50 (–9.50)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $322.50pm$322.60
close $322.50-323.00(£217.25-217.75)
New York:
Comex $322.35

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Plessey	174p + 36p
Grand Cent Invs	26p + 3p
Racal Electronic	162p + 16p
Ferranti	140p + 12p
Land Investors	55p + 4p
EBC Group	145p + 10p
Campari Intl	29p + 2p
General Elec	186p + 12p
Ingram Harold	110p + 7p
STC	96p + 8p
Star Computer	48p + 3p
Crown Int Prods	98p + 5p
Senlox Hdgs	20p + 1p
Amstrad Csm Elt	200p + 10p

FALLS:

Intervis Video	3p – 0.50p
Richards	30p – 5p
Comb Tech Corp	8p – 1p
Adam Leisure Gp	8p – 1p
CPS Computer Gp	36p – 4p
Edin Oil & Gas	28p – 3p
Apricot Computer	51p – 5p
Morris Fine Art	20.50p – 2p
Property Trust	5.50p – 0.50p
Petranol	110p – 10p
Julianna's Hdgs	90p – 6p
Channel Tunnel	170p – 15p

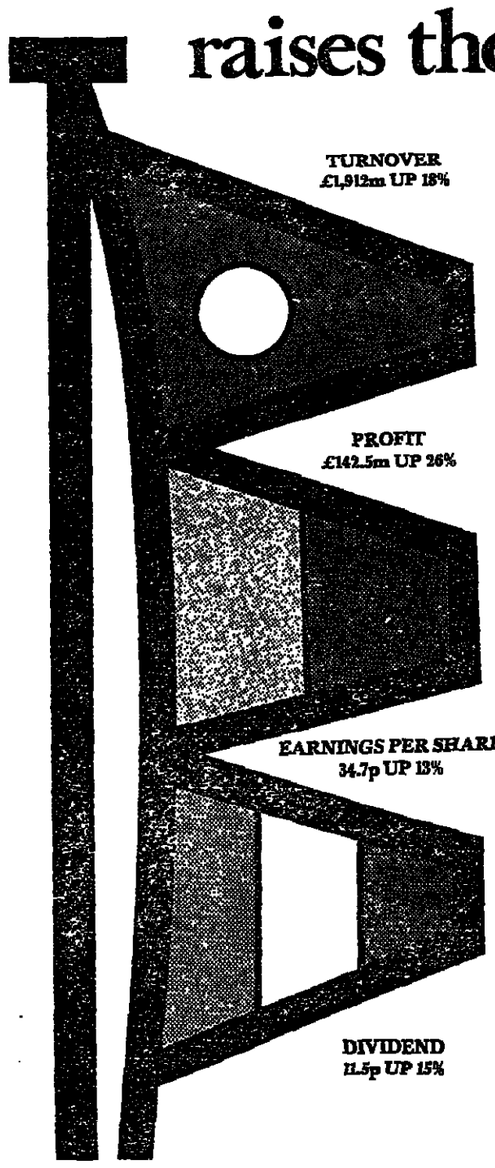
CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4820 (-0.0035)
£: DM 3.7558(+0.0084)
£: SwFr 3.1334(+0.100)
£: FFr 11.4560(+0.0233)
£: Yen 303.44(+1.08)
£ Index: 81.4(unchanged)
New York:
£: $1.4825
$: DM 2.5345
$ index: 127.4(0+.06)
ECU £0.589707
SDR £0.729885

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month interbank 11⅛–11⅛%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11⅛–11⅛
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 8⅛%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.22–7.21%
30-year bond price 99⅛–99⅛

Once again, Trafalgar House raises the standard.



Trafalgar House is pleased to announce its preliminary results for the year to 30th September 1985. The figures are subject to final audit.

	£m
Property and investment	56.4
Construction and engineering	41.3
Shipping, aviation and hotels	31.8
Oil and gas	30.5
Operating Profit	160.0
Interest	17.5
Net Profit before taxation	142.5
Profit after taxation and minority interests	110.4
Earnings per share	
Before extraordinary items	34.7p
After extraordinary items	30.6p
Ordinary dividend	11.5p

The 1985 Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 12th December 1985. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary, 1 Berkeley St., London W1A 1BY.

Trafalgar House
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

WALL STREET

	Dec 2	Nov 29
AMR	41¼	42⅝
ASA	35⅞	35⅞
Allied Signal	45⅝	46⅛
Allied Stores	66	66⅝
Allis Chalmers	3⅛	3¼
Alcoa	28½	35⅝
Amax Inc	11⅝	11⅝
Amerada Hess	28⅛	28⅞
Am Brands	60⅞	61¼
Am Broadcast	119⅛	119⅝
Am Can	60⅛	63⅛
Am Cyanamid	58⅝	58⅞
Am Elec Power	23⅝	23⅝
Am Express	46⅞	46⅛
Am Home	61⅛	61⅞
Am Motors	2⅝	2⅝
Am Standard	35	34⅝
Am Telephone	22½	22⅝
Amoco	65⅝	67⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝
Asarco	16⅝	17⅛
Ashland Oil	37	37⅝
Atlntic Richfield	65⅝	67
Avon Products	27⅝	27⅞
Bankers Tst NY	67⅝	68⅛
Bankamerica	14	14⅛
Bank of Boston	56⅝	58⅛
Bank of NY	44⅛	44⅞
Baxter Trav	14⅝	15⅛
Beatrice Foods	46	46⅛
Bethlehem Steel	15⅝	16⅛
Boeing	49	49⅛
Boise Cascade	44⅛	44⅛
Borden	47⅞	47⅞
Borg Warner	22⅝	22⅝
Bristol Myers	64	65⅛
BP	33	34
Burlington Ind	30⅛	30⅛
Burlington Nthn	69⅛	69½
Burroughs	58⅛	58⅝
Campbell Soup	53	54
Canadian Pacific	12⅜	12⅜
Caterpillar	39⅝	39⅝
Celanese	135½	136⅜
Central SW	29½	29⅝
Champion	23½	23⅝
Chase Manhat	63½	64⅜
Chem Bank NY	41⅞	41½
Chevron	37⅜	38⅛
Chrysler	42⅛	42⅝
Chubb Grp	48⅛	48⅝
Clark Equip	25⅛	25⅝
Coca Cola	82	83½
Colgate	29⅝	29⅝
CBS	112	112⅝
Columbia Gas	35⅛	36⅛
Combustion Eng	28⅝	28½
Comwlth Edison	28⅞	29⅛
Cons Edison	36⅝	36⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45⅛	45⅛
Cons Power	8⅛	8⅛
Control Data	15⅝	15⅝
Corning Glass	50⅝	51⅛
CPC Intl	50⅝	51⅛
Crane	38⅛	38⅛
Crown Zeller	39⅛	39⅛
Dart & Kraft	39⅛	39⅝
Deere	28½	28⅝
Delta Air	36⅛	37⅛
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15⅛
Digital Equip	118⅞	120⅛
Disney	97⅝	99
Dow Chemical	36⅛	36⅝
Dresser Ind	18⅝	19⅛
Duke Power	34	33⅞
Du Pont	62⅛	63⅜
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅝
Eastman Kodak	48⅞	49½
Eaton Corp	50	51
Emerson Elect	75⅛	76⅛
Emery Air Frgt	15½	16
Exxon Corp	52⅝	53⅝
Fed Dept Stores	66⅝	67⅛
Firestone	20⅝	20⅝
Fst Chicago	24⅞	25⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	50⅝	52
Fst Penn Corp	5⅝	5⅝
Ford	52⅝	53⅞
GAF Corp	45	47⅛
GTE Corp	42⅝	42⅞
Gen Corp	62⅛	62½
Gen Dynamics	66	66⅝
Gen Electric	64½	65⅝
Gen Inst	16⅛	16⅝
Gen Mills	59	59½
Gen Motors	70⅛	70⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	15⅛	16⅛
Genesco	3⅛	3¼
Georgia Pacific	24⅜	24⅞
Gillette	66⅝	69⅜
Goodrich	32⅝	33⅛
Goodyear	28⅝	28⅝
Gould Inc	30⅛	30⅝
Grace	40⅞	40⅞
Gt Atlc & Pacific	18⅛	19
Greyhound	29⅞	30⅛
Grumman Corp	32⅝	32⅝
Gulf & West	46⅛	45⅞
Heinz H. J.	31⅞	32⅝
Hercules	37⅞	38
Hewlett-Pkrd	35⅝	35⅝
Honeywell	68	68⅝
IC Inds	37⅝	38⅛
Ingersoll	55⅞	56⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	22⅝
IBM	137⅞	139⅝
Int Harvester	7⅝	7⅞
INCO	12⅛	12⅝
Int Paper	47⅞	47⅞
Int Tel Tel	34⅛	34⅝
Irving Bank	39⅝	39⅞
Jim Walter	35⅝	36⅝
Johnson & John	49⅞	49⅝
Kaiser Alumin	16⅛	16⅝
Kerr McGee	33⅝	35⅛
Kimberly Clark	67⅝	68⅛
K Mart	34⅞	35
Kroger	46⅛	47⅛
LTV. Corp	6⅛	6⅜
Litton	80⅛	81⅞
Lockheed	47⅝	47⅞
Lucky Stores	29⅛	29⅝
Manuf Hanover	40⅛	40⅛
Manville Cp	5⅛	5⅜
Mapco	36	35⅞
Marine Midland	37	36⅞
Martin Marietta	34⅛	34⅝
Masco	37⅝	37⅝
McDonnell	71⅞	72⅛
Mead	39⅝	40⅛
Merck	129⅛	129⅝
Minnesota Mng	84⅛	84⅝
Mobil Oil	30⅝	31⅛
Monsanto	45⅞	46
Morgan J. P.	56⅝	56⅞
Motorola	35⅞	35⅝
NCR Corp	36⅝	37⅛
NL Industries	13	12⅝
Nat Distillers	34⅝	34⅛
Nat Med Ent	21⅞	22⅜
Nat Semiconductr	12⅝	13⅜
Norfolk South	74⅛	74⅝
NW Bancorp	27⅝	27⅝
Occidental Pet	35⅛	35⅞
Ogden	32⅝	33⅛
Olin Corp	36½	36⅝
Owens-Illinois	34⅛	34⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	19⅝	19⅝
Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝
Penney J. C.	53⅞	53⅝
Pennzoil	60⅛	62⅛
Pepsico	68⅛	68⅛
Pfizer	52	53⅛
Phelps Dodge	21⅛	21⅛
Philip Morris	78⅛	78⅛
Phillips Petrol	12⅛	13⅛
Polaroid	37⅛	38⅝
PPG Ind	42⅝	43⅞
Procter Gamble	67⅛	67⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	29⅛	30⅝
Raytheon	49⅛	50⅛
RCA Corp	46⅞	47⅛
Reynolds Ind	28⅝	29
Reynolds Metal	34⅜	34⅞
Rockwell Int	35⅛	36
Royal Dutch	63	64
Safeways	34⅜	35
Sara Lee	46⅛	48⅛
SFE Sopac	35⅝	35⅝
SCM	77⅝	77⅝
Schlumberger	54⅛	57⅛
Scott Paper	45⅝	45⅝
Seagram	45⅝	46⅛
Sears Roebuck	36⅞	37
Shell Trans	38	38⅛
Singer	40¼	42⅝
Smithkline Beck	76⅛	77⅛
Sony	18⅝	18⅝
Sth Cal Edison	25	24⅞
Sperry Corp	49⅛	49⅝
Std Oil Ohio	51⅛	52⅛
Sterling Drug	37⅛	39
Stevens J. P.	27⅝	27⅝
Sun Comp	49⅛	50⅝
Teledyne	279	297½
Tenneco	40⅛	40⅝
Texaco	31⅛	32⅝
Texas East Corp	34	34⅝
Texas Inst	101½	102½
Texas Utilities	29⅝	29⅞
Textron	49⅛	50⅝
Travelers Corp	46⅝	47⅜
TRW Inc	79	78½
UAL Inc	48	48⅝
Unilever NV	137⅝	139⅝
Union Carbide	69⅞	69½
Un Pacific Corp	50⅛	51
United Brands	23	23⅜
US Steel	28⅝	26⅛
Utd Technol	41⅛	41⅞
Unocal	30	30
Wachovia	35½	36⅝
Warner Lambert	43⅛	43⅝
Wells Fargo	63⅛	53⅜
Westinghse Elec	44⅝	45⅛
Weyerhauser	30⅞	30⅝
Whirlpool	47	47⅝
Woolworth	55⅜	55⅝
Xerox Corp	59⅝	60⅛
Zenith	18	18⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitbi	18	17⅞
Alcan Alumin	35¼	36⅛
Algoma Steel	20⅛	20⅛
Bell Telephone	42⅝	43
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅞
Cominco	10⅝	11
Cons Bathurst	17¼	17¼
Gull Oil	20⅛	20⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	21⅝	21⅝
Hudson Bay Min	5	5⅛
Imasco	25	25
Imperial Oil	54½	54⅝
Int Pipe	44⅞	44⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	3.15	3.20
Royal Trustco	23	23⅛
Seagram	62⅝	62⅝
Steel Co	24⅛	23⅞
Thomson N 'A'	23⅝	23⅛
Walker Hiram	33	33⅛
WCT	17	17⅛

Early slip for Dow

New York (Agency). – Prices opened lower in moderate trading of New York Stock Exchange issues yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 14.22 to 1,457.91 on Monday, was down 2.30 to 1,455.61 shortly after the market opened.

Declines led advances by 356 to 268 among the 996 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape.

The market suffered its sharpest loss in almost four months on Monday as some investors, worried that interest rates might not fall further, took profits.

One trader at a leading broker said: "There are two camps on interest rates. The first has a definite perception that interest rates are going to stabilize and may even move a little higher. The second camp says rates will trend down. Right now, the first camp has the edge."

Mr Ricky Harrington, of Interstate Securities in Charlotte, North Carolina, said the market has engaged in orderly correction that could last one or two more days but was not the start of a significant move down.

Before the market opened, the Government reported that the index of leading economic indicators rose 0.3 per cent in October.

COMMODITIES

Robusta coffee futures rose in London to the highest since June 24, backed by fears of drought damage to the Brazilian crop, before dipping slightly on profit-taking to stand £15 to £27 a tonne above Monday's close.

Later in New York coffee futures erased earlier losses and soared to their new expanded six-cent limit in deferred contracts.

London dealings in silver ended with the three-months large contract at a new 41 month low of 417.5 to 418 pence per troy ounce.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joycson and Co report

RUBBER
All months unquoted.
Vol: Nil.

SUGAR
(Raw)
(No. 6 at 16.40 hrs)
Mar 166.40–66.90
May 170.20–69.80
Aug 175.60–75.00
Oct 180.60–80.00
Dec ..... unquoted
Mar ..... unquoted

SUGAR
(White)
All months unquoted.
Vol: Nil.

COCOA
Dec 1823–19
Mar 1672–71
May 1692–91
July 1711–10
Sep 1727–25
Dec 1724–23
Mar 1744–36
Vol 1957

COFFEE
Jan 1960–55
Mar 2008–07
May 2040–39
Jul 2075–67
Sep 2098–91
Nov 2120–2111
Jan 2140–2120
Vol 8447

SOYABEAN
Dec 124.5–20.0
Feb 125.5–25.4
Apr 126.5–25.1
Aug 120.5–20.2
Oct 122.0–21.2
Dec 123.5–22.2
Vol ..... 120.

GAS OIL
Dec 264.50–64.00
Jan 259.00–58.75
Feb 254.50–54.00
Mar 243.25–42.75
Apr 233.50–33.00
Jne 225.75–25.00
Jly 224.00–23.75
Aug 227.00–23.00
Vol 2831

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 916.00–917.00
Three months 936.00–936.50
Vol 13275
Tone ..... Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 890.00–895.00
Three months *918.00–921.00*
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

LEAD
Cash 267.50–268.00
Three months 274.50–276.00
Vol 3325
Tone ..... Steady but quiet

ZINC STANDARD
Cash *427.00–429.00*
Three months 429.00–430.00
Vol 3125
Tone ..... Barely steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 412.00–415.00
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Barely steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 409.00–410.00
Three months 421.00–422.00
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 409.00–410.00
Three months 421.00–422.00
Vol ..... nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 651.00–653.00
Three months 675.50–676.50
Vol 8425
Tone ..... Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2690–2700
Three months 2700–2735
Vol 396
Tone ..... Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 3

GB: Cattle, 98.75p per kg lw (+1.17).
GB: Sheep, 150.18p per kg sst d c w (+5.26).
GB: Pigs, 80.31p per kg lw (–1.79).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 12.2 per cent, ave. price, 94.84p (+1.19).
Sheep nos. down 10.5 per cent, ave. price, 151.21p (+4.78).
Pig nos. up 10.7 per cent, ave. price, 80.17p (–1.86).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 10.3 per cent, ave. price, 89.13p (+1.13).
Sheep nos. down 12.5 per cent, ave. price, 146.87p (+6.73).
Pig nos. down 15.0 per cent, ave. price, 81.87p (–0.82).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£112.60	£109.25
Mar	£115.10	£112.35
May	£118.15	£114.50
Jly	£120.35	£98.95
Sep	£98.85	£101.75
Nov	£101.85	£101.75
Volume:		
Wheat		303
Barley		491

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	unquoted	unquoted
Feb	unquoted	94.0
Mar	unquoted	unquoted
Apr	unquoted	92.0
May	unquoted	93.0
Jun	unquoted	96.0
Jly	unquoted	90.0
Aug	unquoted	85.0
Sep	unquoted	90.0
Oct	unquoted	98.0
Vol.0		

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.5	102.5
Apr	103.5	103.4
Jun	100.4	100.5
Aug	99.0	99.1
Oct	104.5	104.4
Nov	105.4	105.3
Vol.10		

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	82.00	81.50
Apr	92.90	92.10
May	97.80	97.00
Nov	74.60	73.90
Feb	84.30	86.00
Vol. 304		

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	908.0–903.0	903.0
Apr 86	950.0–948.5	948.5
Jul 86	– –	895.0
Oct 86	– –	922.0
Jan 87	940.0–940.0	938.0
Apr 87	995.0–995.0	995.0
Jul 87	– –	975.0
Oct 87	– –	975.0
Spot: 919.5		
Vol. 62		

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar lost some of its earlier gains yesterday to end the day a little higher against most leading currencies.

The pound, after a low of around 1.4740 to the dollar, finished a little lower at 1.4820 (1.4855).

Dealers said after the confusion and abrupt reversals of the previous day the dollar started on a firm note, still encouraged by profit-taking after its recent weakness.

But by lunchtime the market sensed the dollar had recovered far enough and normal two-way trading patterns resumed.

The yen fell against most currencies, down a full unit to 204.78 (203.75) in terms of the dollar.

The dollar closed ahead at DM2.5355 at the expense of the mark (DM2.5205), having traded within a range of DM2.5110–DM2.5415.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 3	Market rates close December 3	1 month	3 months	12 months
New York	$1.4740–1.4890	$1.4815–1.4825	0 43–0.41c prem	1.17–1.14c prem	3.70–3.60c prem
Montreal	$2.0515–2.0629	$2.0600–2.0629	0.44–0.34c prem	1.13–0.99c prem	3.80–3.60c prem
Amsterdam	4.2061–4.2244	4.2192–4.2244	2¾–1⅝c prem	7¼–6¼c prem	20–19c prem
Brussels	78.00–78.35f	78.22–78.35f	22–17c prem	59–56c prem	2.00–1.90c prem
Copenhagen	13.5363–13.5844k	13.5979–13.5844k	3¾–2½ore prem	7¾–6¼ore prem	20–18¾ore prem
Dublin	1.2099–1.2169p	1.2134–1.2134p	22–6p prem	35–10p prem	1.00–0.30p prem
Frankfurt	3.7380–3.7581m	3.7534–3.7581m	2¾–2¼pf prem	6¾–5¾pf prem	19–17¾pf prem
Lisbon	234.90–249.17e	236.55–240.17e	190–495e disc	625–1525e disc	1825–4350e disc
Madrid	230.67–231.42p	230.89–231.27p	35–100p disc	225–345p disc	1000–1150p disc
Milan	2548.71–2558.54k	2554.56–2555.54k	10–18lir disc	30–28lir disc	90–75lir disc
Oslo	11.2350–11.2937k	11.2757–11.2937k	½–1ore disc	2–2¾ore disc	6–7½ore disc
Paris	11.4120–11.4557f	11.4483–11.4557f	1⅝–1¾c prem	4¾–3¾c prem	13½–11½c prem
Stockholm	11.3484–11.3660k	11.3735–11.39.60k	¾–1¾ore disc	2¾–2¾ore disc	8–8¼ore disc
Tokyo	301.95–303.62y	303.25–303.62y	1–¾y prem	3–2¾y prem	9¾–8¾y prem
Vienna	26.28–26.34sch	26.31–26.34sch	1¼–⅝groprem	3¾–2⅝groprem	11¾–9¾gro prem
Zurich	3.1152–3.1355f	3.1312–3.1355f	2¾–1½c prem	8¼–5½c prem	30–23½c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was unchanged at 61.4 (day's range 61.2–61.4).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austrail	1.1662–1.1879
Australia dollar	2.1843–2.1891
Bahrain dinar	0.5570–0.5610
Brazil cruzeiro	13933.50–14014.30
Cyprus pound	0.7940–0.8040
Finland markka	8.0890–8.1090
Greece Drachma	219.90–221.50
Hongkong dollar	11.5540–11.5580
India rupee	17.80–18.00
Iraq riel	NA
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4280–0.4320
Malaysia dollar	3.5999–3.5954
Mexico peso	865.65–715.65
New Zealand dollar	2.6305–2.6418
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3920–5.4320
Singapore dollar	3.1530–3.1589
South Africa rand	4.0742–4.0996
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.4225–5.4645

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2180–1.2200
Singapore	2.1280–2.1315
Malaysia	2.4240–2.4260
Australia	0.6770–0.6780
Canada	1.3905–1.4315
Sweden	7.8800–7.9050
Norway	7.6200–7.6250
Greece	219.00–221.50
Hongkong	7.8020–7.8040
Portugal	160.05–160.25
Spain	155.75–156.00
Austria	17.75–17.79

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates firmed a little as the previous day's optimism over the short-term interest rate outlook faded in the face of a further fall in the pound.

The longer end led the upturn, and rates finished mostly 1 1/16 to ⅛ above the levels of Monday afternoon.

Business, however, was mainly concentrated upon the short end.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12½; Low 11½
Week fixed: 11⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅛	2 months 11⅛
3 months 11⅛	3 months 10²⁹/₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝–11¹⁵/₁₆ 2 months 11⅞–11¹³/₁₆
3 months 11¹³/₁₆–11¹¹/₁₆ 6 months 10²⁹/₃₂–10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12 2 months 11⅞
3 months 11⅞ 6 months 11¹⁵/₃₂

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅞–11½, close 14-12
1 week 11⅞–11⅝ 6 months 11⅝–11⅜
1 month 11¹³/₁₆–11¹³/₃₂ 9 months 11⅝–11⅜
3 months 11⅝–11⅝ 12 months 11⅝–11⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11½
1 month 11¹⁵/₁₆ 3 months 11⅞
6 months 11 12 months 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛–11⅞ 2 months 12–11⅛
3 months 12–11⅛ 6 months 11⅞–11½
9 months 11⅝–11⅜ 12 months 11⅝–11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11¹⁵/₁₆–11¾ 3 months 11⅞–11⅝
6 months 11¹⁵/₁₆–11¹³/₁₆ 12 months 11¹⁵/₁₆–10⁵⁵/₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.20–8.10 3 months 8.15–8.05
6 months 8.15–8.05 12 months 8.30–8.20

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6¾–7⅜
7 days	8½–8⅝	1 month 8¼–8⅜
3 months	*8¼–8⅜*	*6 months 8⅛–8⅜*
Deutschmark	call	5–4
7 days	4⅞–4¾	1 month 4½–4⅜
3 months	4⅞–4¾	6 months 4⅝–4½
French Franc	call	9–8
7 days	9⅞–8¾	1 month 9¹⁵/₁₆–9⅝
3 months	9¹⁵/₁₆–9¾	6 months 10⅛–10⅛
Swiss Franc	call	2½–1½
7 days	2½–1⅞	1 month 4¼–3¹⁵/₁₆
3 months	4¼–3¹⁵/₁₆	6 months 4¼–4
Yen	call	7¼–6¼
7 days	8¹⁵/₁₆–8¼	1 month 8¼–8¼
3 months	7¹⁵/₁₆–7¾	6 months 7¹⁵/₁₆–7¼

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$323.50–325.00 (£218.50–219.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$78.25–79.25 (£52.50–53.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period November 6, 1985 to December 3, 1985, inclusive: 11.612 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 85	88.55	88.55	88.45	88.48	350
Mar 86	89.16	89.16	89.08	89.13	1363
Jun 86	89.48	89.48	89.42	89.45	215
Sep 86	89.57	89.57	89.52	89.55	136
Previous day's total open interest 8089					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.85	91.85	91.79	91.83	997
Mar 86	91.83	91.84	91.78	91.83	3230
Jun 86	91.68	91.68	91.60	91.67	671
Sep 86	91.40	91.41	91.34	91.40	266
Dec 86	91.11	91.11	91.09	91.11	65
Mar 87	90.81	90.81	90.80	90.82	31
Previous day's total open interest 21109					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	80-28	80-29	80-18	80-23	535
Mar 86	79-22	79-22	79-06	79-15	3467
Previous day's total open interest 2939					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-18	97-20	97-14	97-18	173
Mar 86	97-30	97-33	97-25	97-33	353
Previous day's total open interest 1400					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	112-10	112-12	112-00	112-05	89
Mar 86	112-16	112-05	112-05	112-07	4005
Jun 86	112-05	112-05	112-05	112-07	1
Sep 86	NT				9
Previous day's total open interest 6472					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	140.80	142.20	140.40	142.00	903
Mar 86	141.90	143.20	141.70	143.30	33
Previous day's total open interest 2289					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
88	87	Alba	98	–1	2.8	2.7	..
688	680	Alliance	685	..	26.1p	4.0	..
155	118	Asset Trust	152	..	4.3	3.5	..
302	245	Ang Asset Sec	280	+2	8.1	2.9	..
123	98	Ashdown	118	–1	4.2b	3.6	..
128	88	Atlantic Assets	116	–1	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	97	● –1	3.5b	3.6	..
184	168	Berry	185	● ..	1.5	0.8	..
162	152	Border & Sthrn	160	● ..	5.1	2.9	..
297	190	Br Assets	215	● –2	10.9	5.1	..
35½	35	Br Empire Sec	35½	..	0.7	2.2	..
374	312	British Inv	366	● –1	20.8p	5.7	..
83	64	Brunner	78	–1	3.1b	4.0	..
89	72	Charter Agency	88	..	3.5b	3.9	..
665	523	Continental	655	..	30.0p	4.5	..
179	719	Crescent Japan	140	–1	1.7	0.8	..
115	97	Derby Inv	113	..	10.9	9.5	..
127	118	Do Cap	118	..	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	328	● ..	14.3	4.4	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	130	..	1.8	1.2	..
427	348	Drayton Japan	426	..	3.6c	0.8	..
322	283	Drayton Premier	314	..	20.7p	4.8	..
199	160	Dundee Fd	194	–1	7.6b	3.8	..
118	88	Edin Amer Asset	100	–1	0.8	0.5	..
139	103	Edinburgh	118	● –1	4.6b	3.6	..
320	254	Electric Gen	288	● ..	5.1	1.8	..
146	114	English Int	137	● +1	5.9	3.6	..
79	65	English Scot	76	..	1.9	2.4	..
117	91	English NY	108	..	3.6	2.5	..
87	76	F & C Alliance	86	..	2.4	2.7	..
166	122	F&C Pacific	157	..	1.8b	1.5	..
245	188	Family	242	+2	11.3b	4.7	..
282	242	First Scot Amer	268	..	12.5b	4.4	..
175	80	First Un Gen	80	..	5.7	10.9	..
580	415	Fleming American	456	..	7.9	1.8	..
300	225	Fleming Claver	296	..	12.6	4.5	..
295	235	Fleming Enterprise	294	..	12.1	4.1	..
139	118	Fleming Far East	135	● ..	1.5	1.8	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	111	● ..	3.5	3.2	..
580	466	Fleming Japan	449	● +10	6.7	1.3	..
129	100	Fleming Mercantile	125	..	4.5	3.4	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	108	..	3.9	3.8	..
163	129	Fleming Tech	135	..	3.1	2.4	..
334	268	Fleming Universal	300	..	7.1b	2.4	..
98	74	Fst Cal	88	..	2.0b	2.9	..
121	91	GBC Capital	91	● ..	..	..	..
165	115	GT Japan	113	..	2.0	1.7	..
326	97	General Funds	139	..	2.7	2.0	..
298	230	General Cons	284	..	14.9p	5.0	..
126	103½	Glasgow Stock	117	–2	2.9b	2.5	..
308	251	Globe	286	● –2	14.5	4.8	..
1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
270	222	Grandtex	258	● –6	2.3	0.8	..
375	275	Gresham House	365	● ..	6.3	2.5	..
171	138	Hambros	166	● ..	6.1	3.7	..
372	286	Hill (P)	288	● ..	12.9	5.1	..
548	448	Invstmt Success	536	● –4	7.8	1.5	..
264	208	Inv Cap	256	● ..	5.8b	2.5	..
62	41	Japan Assets	41	● ..	0.1	0.2	..
181½	137	Lake View	181	..	3.9p	2.4	..
182	162	Law Debenture	182	● ..	6.3	3.5	..
98	88	Law Mercantile Sec	88	..	3.1	3.5	..
88	88	Lon Trust	88	..	6.1c	6.9	..
107	88	Merchants	104	..	5.4b	5.2	..
174	135	Mertin	153	..	3.4b	2.2	..
135	108	Murray Income	135	..	7.7b	5.7	..
117	89	Murray Growth	113	..	2.0

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TEMPUS

Trafalgar shares sink 8p despite buoyant profits

Trafalgar House was putting on the Ritz yesterday as it unveiled its preliminary figures. But sparkling results, sparkling wine and a star-studded video could not prevent the company's shares drifting 8p lower at 387p.

The reaction owed more to uncertainty over the prospects for earnings growth in the current year than to disappointment at the figures for 1984-85. Pretax profits increased to £142.5 million from £113.2 million, well up to expectations and sufficiently spread throughout the four main divisions to demonstrate the fundamental firmness of the group.

Once again, Trafalgar's year was one of ups and downs with the ups, as usual, outweighing the downs. The biggest increase came from the property and investment division where trading profits rose to £56.4 million from £29.6 million. Housebuilding was an important contributor.

The shipping, aviation and hotels division also did well, doubling its profits to £31.8 million.

The oil and gas division, which has been a major target for investment, turned in barely changed profits of £30.5 million. Trafalgar spent £100 million in the year on its British offshore operations but the emphasis is likely to switch to the US where the opportunities appear better and more tax efficient.

However, it is the construction and engineering division which faces the most difficult trading conditions. Profits fell by more than £6 million to £41.4 million.

The main problem is the wafer thin margins being earned. Volumes were encouragingly higher but the trend may be difficult to maintain this year.

North Sea-related construction is faltering while the operators wait to see the implications of the British Gas privatization. There must also be a worry over the Scott Lithgow yard which is still seeking work to replace the Britoil contract which will shortly be completed.

Trafalgar is confident that it will be able to pick up its fair share of the contracts which are available, although its life will be made much easier if the Euroroute Channel crossing scheme is adopted. The work generated could be worth up to £700 million for Trafalgar, although it would still pick up some business if another scheme was chosen.

The impact of Euroroute would not be felt anyway until 1986-87. This is also true of some of Trafalgar's other projects. The development of Brooklands, the expansion of the oil and gas interests, and the possible acquisition of the Vickers and Cammell Laird shipyards, all offer exciting long-term potential which will not be reflected fully this year.

The shares can therefore be bought for the long-term although there is an argument for reducing holdings for the winter which may bring some weakness in the price.

Merivale Moore

Bringing a company to market can be traumatic for its founder. In the case of Merivale Moore, the latest arrival, the transition from private to public should be relatively easy because it has had institutional investors for years.

Even so, the chairman, Mr Grenville Dean, who started the business 24 years ago, is having to accept City ways. As a property company Merivale has been valued at a discount to net assets, but Mr Dean believes this is unduly cautious.

He points out that Merivale has a good steady profits record, unlike most property companies. Profits come from developing residential property in and around Kensington in west London, from investing in blocks of flats (waiting for tenancies to end so that the flats can be sold) and from commercial investment. Rental accounts for about 40 per cent of profits.

Last year profits were £1.41 million before tax but are forecast to rise to £1.8 million in the year to June 30, 1986. On this basis the price earnings ratio is 11 at the 155p placing price.

This may look modest but earnings growth has not been impressive. Earnings per share will have been between 8p and 10p a share for six years, including the current period. Given this record, Mr Dean would be better to welcome City ways with open arms.

His record on assets growth is much better than on earnings. Net assets have risen strongly in each of the past four years and on a pro forma basis stand at 143p a share. On this reasoning the shares are being placed at a 19.5 per cent discount. New property companies are rare enough to ensure sufficient interest for a small premium when dealings start.

RHM

Ranks Hovis McDougall only managed to beat most forecasts yesterday by changing its accounting methods. Had it not switched from year-end to average exchange rates the results would have been disappointing. The market focused on the underlying position and marked the shares down 8p to 176p.

Against expectations of £70 million RHM produced profits of £71.5 million before tax but that included a £2.7 million benefit from the accounting change.

The company declines to put a figure on the improvement at British Bakeries and, on the principle that most companies brag about good news but keep quiet about bad, the implication is that the turnround there is not as strong as expected.

Nevertheless, RHM says some of the new bakeries now report profits for occasional weeks, for the first time in three years. After a huge investment programme, contributing to a total of £32 million charged below the line in the past three years, breakeven must be in sight. But whether the company will ever make a good return on the capital invested is uncertain.

If the British Bakeries result was worse than expected this was almost made up for by a better performance overseas.

It is fair to assume that growth will slow down in the current year, as it has in each of the past two half years. But profits should still rise, making 1986 the fourth year of increase.

This prospect is unlikely to be enough to take the shares much further. They have had a good run over the past year, outperforming the market by 32 per cent on rumours that SW Berisford was about to sell its 14 per cent stake to a predator. In the absence of firm news on that score, a multiple of 10 times prospective earnings is probably generous enough.

APPOINTMENTS

Sodastream: Mr Stephen Pillpott has been named as UK marketing director.

Neil & Spencer Holdings: Mr Christopher Pringle has become a director.

Scottish Television: Mr Angus Macdonald joined the main board.

Save & Prosper: Mr C. J. Rye will become a director from January.

UKO International: Mr Hugh Lang has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Lewmar: Mr John Blackwood is now finance director and company secretary.

Racal: Mr Michael Wagge has been made managing director of the Racal Energy Resources Group. Mr David Davy has become managing director of Racal Positioning Systems, Mr Euan Niven, financial director of Racal Positioning Systems and Mr Danny Gallagher has become financial director of Racal Survey (UK).

International Aero Engines: Mr David Davies is now vice-president, special projects. He is succeedded as vice-president, engineering by Mr Alec Collins.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society: Mr John R. Selater becomes a director.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson increases stake in Bowater

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Bowater Industries got the news yesterday that Hanson Trust now has more than 10 per cent of Bowater shares, having increased the stake by just over 2 per cent in recent trading.

As the information filtered through to the market in late trade, the Bowater share price displayed a 9p gain to 337p, though market men expected more movement once the news became more widely known. Speculators have long fancied Hanson to make a full bid for the paper and pulps group, and this addition to its holding in the shares reinforces such ideas.

Hanson, however, has a long history of making "strategic" investments in a large number of companies, without going to try a takeover. Only last week Lord Hanson's team was reckoned to have picked up around 1 per cent of Babcock International, and City gossip also says Hanson has a stake in Imperial Group.

British Benzol Carbonising is continuing its climb back from trading problems as management and policy changes take effect. The shares have gained 6p to 44p in the past two days – a long way from the 1985 low point of 11p – and look like moving further. Quilter, Goodison, the broker, is a strong buyer.

The industrial conglomerate is still fighting the battle for SCM in America, a takeover it wants to win and which has proved a tougher task than expected. Some Hanson-watchers believe Bowater will be a consolation prize.

Laurie, Milbank, the broker, has forecast profits of $130 million for SCM in the year to March 1986, against a published figure of $54 million last time. The benefit to Hanson for 1985/86 of such profits would be about £30 million at the pretax level, rising to £50 million for 1986/87.

That would bring the Hanson p/e rating down to around 12.7, and make thsi summer's £503 million rights issue look well worthwhile.

Full year results are due from Hanson tomorrow, and Laurie, Milbank reckon the group will show profits of £245 million against £169.1 million last time. With SCM on board, total Hanson profits, according to the City firm, could grow to £350 million for the year to next September.

Electricals, the most burned out market sector, crackled into life following the surprise General Electric Co flirtation with Plessey.

GEC, with interim profits below expectations at £289 million rose 12p to 186p. Plessey surged 38p to 174p.

With both GEC and Plessey in the FT-30 share index the closing calculation was up 3.9 points at 1,128.3 points. But the FT-SE share index finished 2.9 points down at 1,415.6 points.

Although the GEC-Plessey share prices distorted the indices, the market made a spirited rally after profit taking had taken its toll of many blue chips. At one time the FT-30 share index was down 11.3 points and the FT–SE index was almost 16 points down.

The Cable & Wireless share sale – at 587p a time in two instalments – clipped 8p from the price at 610p. On offer are 102.5 million shares.

British Telecom had an active session, ending just 1p higher at 203p.

The GEC-Plessey affair directed speculators' attention towards other electricals. There was talk that Racal Electronics, up 16p to 162p, may intervene with its own Plessey bid.

Ferranti, seen by some as the next to collect a bid, jumped 18p to 146p before slipping to 140p. Bowthorpe gained 5p to 394p and Thorn EMI, as the soap opera sale of its screen entertainments business dragged on, improved 17p to 434p before easing to 427p.

Even STC, which has experienced more fuss than most, managed to get plugged in with a 6p rise to 96p.

Jack L. Israel, the first fruit and vegatable importer and distributor, held at 27½p yesterday after it had disclosed a 54 per cent profits advance to £530,000. The company forecast a year's pretax profit of £1.3 million when it was floated in August at 20p, but nearly £1.5 million now looks likely.

The electrical excitement helped the rest of the market. With sterling's recent strength reviving interest rate cut hopes and Wall Street achieving another firm opening, the market, once it had thrown off its early blues looked much more confident.

Trading was, however, fairly hectic with both large and small shareholders buying and selling in often keen two-way business.

Although a few of the old takeover favourites lost some of their enthusiasm, British Home Stores was once again in demand.

Speculation that a leading retailing group was intent on pushing into the group's cosy merger with Habitat Mothercare sent BHS shares climbing 10p to 422p. There are signs that at least one shareholding just below the notifiable 5 per cent mark has been built up.

HM shares fell 16p to 514p and Burton Group 10p to 548p.

With J. Hepworth, Marks and Spencer, Harris Queensway and Woolworth Holdings shares lower, BHS was the only major stores group to record an increase.

Distillers Co. eased 3p to 503p. Bidders, Argyll Group rose 5p to 343p. Allied-Lyons, on fears that the contested bid from Elders will be referred to the Monopolies Commission, eased 2p to 286p. Imperial Group lost 6p to 235p and its intended partner, United Biscuits tumbled 17p to 257p as, once again, Monopolies Commission fears grew.

Interim results from Christian Salvesen are due out today, and market expectations yesterday were obviously not high. The shares dipped 4p to 139p, and City forecasts suggested little improvement on 1984's roughly £17 million pretax for the first six months.

Elsewhere among food distribution and processing companies, share prices were on the slide, having been buoyant in recent weeks on the back of general City optimism and merger excitement. Rowntree Mackintosh slipped 7p to 398p, Tate & Lyle fell 18p to 565p, Unigate lost 5p to 224p and Ranks Hovis MacDougall, which reported figures yesterday, lost 5p to 179p

There was a tinge of disappointment with the RHM results. Underlying profits were in line with City estimates, and boosted beyond that only by new accounting practices on foreign currencies.

Hazlewood Foods, which reports results next week, dropped 40p to 808p – a timely easing of its price according to some analysts. The gains made in recent weeks have put too demanding a rating of the shares, they say.

Among food retailers there was similar correction of recent high share prices, with several pence lost by Dee Corportation, Kwik Save, J Sainsbury and Tesco.

Wire & Plastic shares continue to move ahead on the back of the tie-up with Saatschi & Saatchi Company. The advertising group has taken a 10 per cent stake, and W & P rose another 15p to 303p yesterday to show a two-day gain of 83p.

Ashley Industrial Trust, emerging as the market's perennial shell situation, traded actively finishing 4p up at 74p. Asset Special Situation Trust eased 2p to 79p. Stalwart Assurance has 10.1 per cent.

Two USM newcomers made contrasting debuts. Dialene, which makes plastic flower pots, touched 135p against a 130p placing price. But JS Pathology, which operates a clinical pathology laboratory, surged to 198p against a 160p launch price.

Far Eastern uncertainies continued to weigh heavily on stocks like Dalgety which fell 15p to 386p.

Ahead of figures today Holmes & Marchant gained 10p to 385p and Connells, the estate agents, rose 3p to 173p following its latest acquisition.

Good figures contined to help Dominion International higher, up 5p to 115p but Polly Peck International remained depressed by its lower than expected profits, closing 3p down at 170p.

Yelverton Investments is thought to have sold its near 30 per cent shareholding in Southend Stadium. The buyer is believed to be a privately owned development group which wants to exploit the Stadium's property potential. Southend shares rose 5p to 93p yesterday.

Traded option highlights

Traded options pitches were busy again yesterday, the daily total of contracts traded reaching 22,837, with call options providing nearly 16,000. GEC was the star performer following confirmation of its desire to buy Plessey. Some 4,837 GEC contracts were traded, more than 4,000 of them were calls.

There were double-figure gains for the prices of GEC call options, and similar markdowns on GEC puts.

The stock exchange index option was also popular, some 4,152 contracts traded. Other options with four-figure trading volumes were BAT's, BP, Imperial (2,084) and Racal.

POLLY PECK INTERNATIONAL PLC

EXTRACT FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Group has maintained a good record for the year to 31st August 1985 with sales rising by 50 per cent to £205.5m and pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to £61.1m. Earnings per ordinary share rose from 48.7p to 52.6p.

The Electronics Division made considerable progress in the year towards establishing itself amongst the first rank of CTV, VCR and audio equipment producers in Turkey. Sales for the Division in the year totalled £28.1m and it made a contribution to pre-tax profits of £1.9m.

The Textile Division, which has been enlarged by virtue of the acquisition of Inter City Investment Group plc, had a rather disappointing year. Sales were improved but profits fell overall. The Division's turnover (excluding the Hong Kong associated company) amounted to £33.9m and it contributed pre-tax profits of £3.8m.

The Group's markets expanded internationally while its presence within Turkey was significantly strengthened. Small but important footholds were acquired in the Far East and the U.S. Progress was also achieved against a background of extreme currency market volatility. The Board regards the overall sales and profit growth as satisfactory and as providing a sound base for future operations.

The past year was one of considerable development in all divisions. Trade for the opening months of the current year is up on that for the corresponding period in 1984, and the Board looks forward to a satisfactory year while continuing to consolidate the development of existing operations within its available resources.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS
for the financial year to 31st August 1985

	1985	1984	Increase
Turnover	£205.5m	£137.2m	50%
Profit before taxation	£61.1m	£50.5m	21%
Profit after taxation	£50.5m	£43.8m	15%
Earnings per share – basic	52.6p	48.7p	8%
Total net dividend per share	5.25p	3.50p	50%

The Board has decided to recommend a final net dividend of 3.75p per 10p share, payable on 4th April 1986 to shareholders on the register at 7th March 1986. Including the interim dividend of 1.5p per share, this represents an increase in the total dividend for the year of 50 per cent.

The main Agriculture, Food and Related Industries Division achieved record sales and produced an excellent overall performance contributing £53m to pre-tax profits on turnover of £143.5m. The Division continued to expand its markets, with Western Europe and the Comecon markets becoming increasingly significant, although the Middle and Near East remained very good markets.

Production performance at the Unipac plants has again achieved record levels and new machinery is being installed to ensure continued peak production performance.

The Nilsar Mineral Water bottling plant operated successfully during the year and for the eleven month period prior to full consolidation made a contribution of £1.9m to the share of results of related companies.

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PYKE HOLDINGS PLC

plus a

Potential top-up payment

This Tender Offer closes at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th December, 1985

Further copies of this Tender Offer and Form of Tender (upon the terms of which alone tenders will be accepted) may be obtained on request from London & Continental Bankers Limited, Laurence, Prust & Co, and National Westminster Bank PLC at the addresses set out below.

London & Continental Bankers Limited
(Registered in England No. 1042636)
Registered Office:
3 Throgmorton Avenue,
London EC2N 2AP

To all shareholders of Pyke Holdings plc ("Pyke"). 4th December 1985

Dear Sir/Madam,

Tender Offer for Pyke Shares

On behalf of Glen International PLC ("Glen"), we hereby offer to acquire by tender, on the terms and subject to the conditions set out below, such number of fully paid shares of 10p each of Pyke ("Pyke Shares") which together with Glen's existing holding of 533,500 Pyke Shares *would represent up to a maximum of 28.5 per cent. of the share capital of* Pyke in issue and fully paid at 3.30 p.m. on 18th December, 1985, the closing date of this Tender Offer. Accordingly, if there are no further issues of Pyke Shares prior to the closing date, the maximum number of Pyke Shares to be acquired by Glen under the Tender Offer (the "stated maximum") will represent 16.9 per cent. of the issued share capital of Pyke.

Terms and Conditions of the Tender Offer

1. The tender consideration shall be **440p in cash** for each Pyke Share tendered and accepted. In certain circumstances all acceptors may also at a later date become entitled to a top-up payment as described below.

2. Unless tenders in respect of at least an aggregate of 433,500 Pyke Shares (approximately 9.4 per cent. of the present issued share capital) are received, the Tender Offer shall be void.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 above, all tenders will be irrevocable.

4. The Tender Offer will close at 3.30 p.m. on 18th December, 1985.

5. Pyke Shares will be acquired by Glen free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and with all rights now or hereafter attaching thereto including the right *to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date* hereof save that Pyke shareholders shall be entitled to receive and retain the proposed further dividend of 3.5p (net) per Pyke Share for the period ended 30th September, 1985 announced on 22nd October 1985 in respect of Pyke Shares sold under the Tender Offer.

6. Glen already holds 533,500 Pyke Shares (11.6 per cent. of Pyke's present issued share capital) and will hold 28.5 per cent. of Pyke's share capital in issue at the closing date if it *acquires the stated maximum number of shares now being offered for*. If the number of Pyke Shares tendered exceeds the stated maximum, the tenders will be scaled down pro rata.

7. All tenders must be made on the Form of Tender, duly completed in accordance with the instructions therein, which constitutes part of the terms of the Tender Offer.

Procedure for Tendering

Copies of this Tender Offer and Form of Tender upon the terms of which alone tenders will be accepted have been despatched by post to shareholders of Pyke as registered at 26th November, 1985 and may be obtained on request from—

London & Continental Bankers Limited, 3 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2AP 01-638 6111	Laurence Prust & Co., Basildon House, 7-11 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AH 01-606 6811	National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box No 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD 01-638 9181

Forms of Tender duly completed should be returned together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title to National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Department at the address given above as soon as possible but in any event so as to arrive not later than 3.30 p.m. on 18th December, 1985.

Settlement

The result of the Tender Offer and, if applicable, the basis of scaling down tenders will be announced by 9.30 a.m. on 19th December, 1985, the day following the closing date.

Cheques will be despatched not later than 10 business days following the closing date to Pyke shareholders whose tenders, valid and complete in all respects, are received before the Tender Offer closes in respect of the number of Pyke Shares tendered and, if applicable, after taking account of any scaling down.

(a) Top-up Payments

Cheques will be despatched to Pyke shareholders entitled thereto as described in the section "Top-up Payments" below.

(b) General

All documents and remittances sent by or to Pyke shareholders will be sent at their risk. If an insufficient number of Pyke Shares is tendered in respect of the Tender Offer as set out in condition 2 above, Forms of Tender, certificates and/or other documents of title will be returned by post within 10 business days following the closing date. In the event of scaling down, balance certificates, where applicable, will be despatched as soon as practicable. Pending the issue of balance certificates transfers may be certified against the register.

Reasons for Tender Offer

Hillsdown Holdings plc ("Hillsdown") has announced that it intends to make an offer (subject to certain conditions) for Pyke's share capital issued and to be issued (not already owned by it).

Glen is making this Tender Offer because it believes that the Hillsdown offer substantially underestimates the worth of Pyke and the absence of a cash alternative from Hillsdown makes its offer particularly unattractive.

Glen would be content to see Pyke, in whose management it has every confidence, continue as an independent company and accordingly does not intend to accept Hillsdown's offer.

Hillsdown has announced that it intends to post its formal offer document as soon as Pyke's 1985 Accounts are available, which is expected to be not later than 10th December 1985. On this basis shareholders will have an opportunity of considering this Tender Offer in conjunction with that document.

Your attention is drawn to the top-up provisions set out below and to the Appendix which contains details of Pyke Shares purchased by Glen and of the share prices of Pyke over the last 9 months.

Glen's Intentions

Glen does not intend:

(i) to dispose of its own existing shareholding in Pyke or any Pyke Shares acquired under the Tender Offer; or

(ii) *to make any general offer to acquire the share capital of Pyke.*

Glen would however reconsider its position in the event of any material change of circumstances, for example, if the Board of Pyke were to propose a material corporate transaction, or if Pyke were to lose its listing, or if Hillsdown were to revise its offer either in form or in amount, or if a third party announces its intentions to make any tender or general offer for the Pyke Shares or if Hillsdown does not proceed with its offer or its offer lapses. Glen would not in any event make an offer for Pyke which did not include a full cash alternative.

Top-up Payments

All acceptors of the Tender Offer will be contingently entitled to receive a supplementary payment (the "top-up payment") in cash as additional consideration for each Pyke Share tendered and accepted. The top-up payment will be made if and only if any one of the following conditions is fulfilled within 6 months of the closing date:-

(a) if Hillsdown revises its general offer to acquire the share capital of Pyke to include a full cash alternative and such revised offer is accepted by Glen in respect of any of its holding as enlarged by the acquisition of Pyke Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer and such offer becomes or is declared wholly unconditional so that Hillsdown acquires a controlling interest in Pyke;

or

(b) if Glen makes a general offer to acquire the whole of the share capital in Pyke it does not already own and such general offer becomes or is declared wholly unconditional so that Glen acquires a controlling interest in Pyke;

or

(c) *if a third party makes a general offer to acquire the whole of the issued share* capital of Pyke in cash or including a full cash alternative, and such offer is accepted by Glen in respect of any of its holding as enlarged by the acquisition of Pyke Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer and becomes or is declared wholly unconditional so that such third party acquires a controlling interest in Pyke;

or

(d) *if Glen disposes of, either through the market or by private treaty, more than* half of the Pyke Shares acquired under the Tender Offer (the "Tender Shares").

The top-up payment will be made within 10 days of the date that cash consideration is received by Glen in respect of its holding of Pyke Shares if either of the conditions (a) or (c) above is fulfilled in all respects or, in the event that condition (b) is fulfilled in all respects, at the same time that cash consideration is payable by Glen in respect of other Pyke Shares and shall in any such case be 90 per cent. of the excess (if any) of the cash price or cash alternative in such offer over the basic cash price under the Tender Offer.

In the event that condition (d) above is fulfilled, the top-up payment will be made within 10 days of the date that Glen receives the disposal proceeds of more than half of the Tender Shares (for this purpose Glen will be deemed to have disposed of Tender Shares prior to the disposal of any of its existing holding of Pyke Shares). The payment will be 90 per cent. of the excess (if any) of the average sale price (net of commissions, stamp duty and expenses) in relation to such disposal over the basic cash price payable under the Tender Offer and will be made to each successful tenderer in proportion to the number of Shares sold by him pursuant to the Tender Offer. Top-up payments in relation to subsequent disposals (up to the balance of the total number of Tender Shares) will be made on a similar basis whenever further disposals of more than 100,000 Pyke Shares are made within the six month period referred to above.

If up to the date of satisfaction of any of the conditions (a), (b), (c) or (d) above Pyke makes any issue by means of rights or capitalisation, or consolidates, subdivides or reduces its share capital, then the amount of the top-up payment will be adjusted in such manner as the auditors of Glen may determine to be fair and reasonable, which determination shall be final and conclusive. In making such determination the auditors shall act as experts and not as arbitrators.

Glen will not be in any way obliged to make any general offer, nor inhibited from disposing of Tender Shares, if it chooses so to do, free of any obligations to acceptors of the Tender Offer other than those relating to the top-up payment provisions outlined above.

For the purpose of the top-up payments section, (a) the publication of a scheme of arrangement under the Companies Act 1985 in consequence of which any person will hold all or any part of the issued share capital of Pyke shall be deemed to be the making of a general offer, and (b) an acquisition of a controlling interest shall be deemed to occur if the right to cast more than 50 per cent. of the votes which may ordinarily be cast on a poll at a general meeting of Pyke becomes vested in the offeror and/or any subsidiary of the offeror and/or any person acting in concert with the offeror.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
LONDON & CONTINENTAL BANKERS LIMITED
M. J. Gibbs — Authorised Signatory
D. G. Barslow — Authorised Signatory

APPENDIX

1. Glen made purchases of Pyke Shares on the following dates -

Date	Number of Shares	Price	Date	Number of Shares	Price
1985					
9th July	10,000	286p	16th July	10,000	322p
9th July	5,000	300p	22nd August	5,000	305p
9th July	20,000	303p	22nd August	2,500	310p
9th July	15,000	306p	22nd August	2,500	315p
10th July	5,000	313p	22nd August	10,000	317p
10th July	2,500	315p	22nd August	5,000	320p
10th July	30,000	318p	22nd August	116,000	321p
10th July	125,000	320p	28th October	120,000	384p

2. *The following table sets out the middle market quotations for Pyke Shares based on* The Stock Exchange Daily Official List, at the close of business on the first dealing date of each month from March 1985 to December 1985, and on 21st October 1985, and on 2nd December, 1985, the last dealing dates prior to the announcement of the Hillsdown Offer and to the publication of this advertisement respectively.

1985		1985	
1st March	315p	2nd September	333p
1st April	333p	1st October	340p
1st May	316p	21st October	345p
3rd June	310p	1st November	400p
1st July	320p	2nd December	405p
1st August	310p		

Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions defined in the Tender Offer document dated 4th December 1985 from London & Continental Bankers Limited bear the same meanings in this Form.

Form of Tender

for the sale of shares of 10p each

in

PYKE HOLDINGS PLC

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

If you wish to tender all or any of your Pyke Shares, you should complete and sign where indicated below. The number of Pyke Shares which you wish to tender should be inserted in the box marked*.

AND THEN

Send the Form together with your share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title for the total number of shares tendered to *National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box No. 79, 3 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD as soon as possible but in* any event so as to arrive **not later than 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th December 1985.**

NOTE

If you have lost one or all of your share certificates you should follow the procedure in note E below.

Your attention is also drawn to the additional notes below.

To: London & Continental Bankers Limited ("LCB") and Glen International PLC ("Glen").

(1) I/We, the undersigned, have received the Tender Offer document dated 4th December, 1985 (the "Tender Offer document") from LCB offering on behalf of Glen to acquire by way of tender *such number of Pyke Shares as when aggregated with Glen's existing* holding would represent up to 28.5 per cent. of the share capital of Pyke in issue and fully paid at 3.30 p.m. on 18th December, 1985. I/We hereby irrevocably tender to LCB on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Tender Offer document

*

Pyke Shares held by me/us (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document) for *settlement* in cash.

If you leave the box blank you will be deemed to have tendered all your registered holding of Pyke Shares (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down the whole of your registered holding in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document).

(2) I/We enclose the share certificate(s) and/or documents of title in respect of the Pyke *Shares tendered hereby.*

(3) Subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional in all respects, my/our execution of this Form shall constitute my/our irrevocable acceptance of the offer on behalf of Glen contained in and on the terms and subject to the conditions in the Tender Offer document in respect of the number of Pyke Shares set out or deemed to be set out above (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document) and my/our *irrevocable appointment (by way of security for* my/our contractual obligations hereunder) of any Director of LCB as my/our attorney to complete and execute on my/our behalf and in my/our name an instrument of transfer in favour of Glen of the Pyke Shares in respect of which I/we have accepted or shall be deemed to have accepted the Tender Offer and on my/our behalf to execute any further documents and to do any other acts as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to such transfer.

(4) Subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional in all respects, my/our execution of this Form shall constitute an irrevocable appointment (by way of security for my/our contractual obligations hereunder) of any Director of Glen as my/our attorney (i) to execute a form of proxy in respect of such number of Pyke Shares which I/we have tendered hereby and which are accepted by Glen and (ii) to appoint any person nominated by Glen to attend at and to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf in such manner as he thinks fit or to abstain from voting at any general meeting of Pyke (and at any adjournment of any such meeting) pending the registration of the transfer in respect of such Pyke Shares.

(5) In the event of the Tender Offer not becoming unconditional in all respects, I/we authorise and request you to return this Form and the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title (if any) by ordinary post at my/our risk to the person or agent whose name and address are set out at the foot of this page or, if none is set out, to the first-named holder at his/her registered address.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the undermentioned shareholder(s)

PLEASE SIGN HERE

(1) Sole or First Holder: Usual signature ..... L.S.

Surname .....
(State whether Mr. Mrs. Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) .....
Address (in full) .....

(2) Second Holder (if any): Usual signature ..... L.S.

Surname .....
(State whether Mr. Mrs. Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) .....
Address (in full) .....

(3) Third Holder (if any): ..... L.S.

(4) Fourth Holder (if any): ..... L.S.

In the case of joint holders ALL must sign. A corporation must also execute under seal.

If this space below is left blank the consideration will be sent to the first named address above.

Please insert below in BLOCK CAPITALS the name and address of the person or agent to whom you wish any cheque and/or any documents of title to be sent.

Name. ..... Address .....

NOTES REGARDING THE COMPLETION AND LODGING OF THIS FORM

The following notes should be read carefully as in order to be valid the Form of Tender must be correctly completed in all respects and received by National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department by 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th December, 1985 together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title and, where appropriate, death certificate, probate, letters of administration, marriage certificate and/or deed poll.

In order to be valid this Form must, except as mentioned below, be signed personally by the registered holder or, in the case of a joint holding, by ALL the registered holders. A body corporate must execute this Form under seal, the seal being affixed and witnessed in accordance with its Articles of Association or other regulations.

The following suggestions are made to avoid delay and inconvenience—

A If a holder is away from home (e.g. abroad or on holiday)—

Send this Form by the quickest means (e.g. air mail) to the holder for execution. No other signatures will be accepted.

B If you have sold your holding in Pyke—

You should immediately hand this Form to the purchaser or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale was effected for transmission to the purchaser.

C If the sole holder has died:—

If probate or letters of administration have been registered with Pyke, this Form must be signed by the personal representative(s) of the deceased.

If probate or letters of administration have been granted but have not been registered with Pyke, the personal representative(s) should sign this Form and forward it to National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Department at the address below with the certificate(s) and with a copy of the probate or letters of administration as soon as possible.

D If one or more of the joint holders has died.—

This Form is valid if signed by all the surviving holders and lodged with National *Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, at the address given below,* accompanied by the death certificate, probate or letters of administration of the deceased holder.

E If one or all of your share certificate(s) has/have been lost—

Complete and lodge this Form with a letter of explanation and any certificates available with National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department at the address given below. At the same time you should write to the Registrars of Pyke at Barclays Bank PLC, Radbroke Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9EU for a letter of indemnity which should be completed in accordance with the instructions given. When completed the letter of indemnity must be lodged with National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department at the address given below by 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th December 1985.

F If your name or other particulars are shown incorrectly on the certificate, e.g.—

(a) incorrect name
name on the certificate ..... James Smith
correct name ..... James Smythe

complete and lodge this Form with the correct name and accompanied by a letter from your bank, stockbroker or solicitor confirming that the person described on the certificate and the person who has signed this Form are one and the same;

(b) incorrect address
write the correct address on this Form;

(c) change of name
lodge your marriage certificate or the deed poll with this Form for noting.

Further copies of this Form are available from:—

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'United we stand' message to Plessey in GEC's offer

Radical restructuring of Britain's electronics industry has seemed the best way out of the sector's mounting problems. Technical challenges have been growing as tougher market conditions have emerged worldwide. The emergence of an aggressive, privatized British Telecom has increased the pressures. GEC's plan for a marriage with Plessey could be the first big breakthrough, as DEREK HARRIS explains.

The General Electric Company's proposed takeover of Plessey faces some problems, but what it has most in its favour is that it offers the best chance yet to give Britain's struggling electronics industry a fighting chance in world markets.

With oversupply leading to savage price-cutting and research and development costs crippling for all but the biggest companies, GEC has been the only British one with sufficient strength to measure up to world standards. Even so, it has only half the output of its West German rival, Siemens, and is less than a quarter of the size of General Electric in the United States.

Plessey has had an unhappy time with the United States market. Its Ptarmigan technology was unsuccessfully submitted by Rockwell of California in a £5.2 billion bid for the new US Army battlefield communications contract. It was far higher than the winning price.

That was only one episode whic has intensified the difficulties facing Britain's electronics industry. Both GEC and Plessey have been involved in the System X contract for British Telecom, but for Plessey the project is crucial. As much as a quarter of its trading profits *in 1984-85 arise from main* exchange business with BT, according to James Capel, the stockbrokers.

Plessey's *interim profits* dropped to £24 million compared with £31.3 million the last time, despite a rise in sales. Delays in bringing in System X exchanges accounted for much of the damage.

While GEC has its cash mountain of £1.4 billion, Plessey has also consistently operated with a large cash element in its balance sheet. But the Plessey mountain has been eroded. During the early 1980s it reached a peak of around £225 million, and is now down to just under £80 million.



Lord Weinstock: Diplomatic approach.



Sir John Clark: Cash mountain shrinking.

By the end of this year that could be down to £50 million and there has been a clear threat that this strength could be completely sapped by the middle of next year unless System X starts producing substantial cash for the group.

These pressures might offset one of the biggest problems facing GEC in carrying through the Plessey takeover. The Clark *dynasty at Plessey* – Sir John Clark, chairman, and his brother Michael – has been guiding the company for 20 years or more. They have shown few signs of wanting to slacken their control.

This explains the diplomacy with which Lord Weinstock's GEC has suggested the tie-up with Plessey. The combination of the two companies, said GEC, could form in Britain a European-based electrical and electronics operation that could more effectively take on the *international competition.*

GEC has apparently had no preliminary talks with Plessey. Hence its plea to Plessey and Sir John to consider the proposal "in the constructive spirit in which it is made".

There could be other problems apart from those of personalities, a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission being the most obvious. There are big overlaps between GEC and Plessey, notably in telecommunications and defence projects.

As GEC said yesterday, a marriage with Plessey would wipe out substantial duplicated efforts by the companies and in an area of scarce skills would release these for crucial research and development work among other areas.

Such a marriage, while offering the enlarged company a better chance to compete, would still not wipe out even domestic problems at a stroke. To an extent the suggested marriage is a key response to the emergence of an aggressive, privatized British Telecom.

Plessey and GEC with System X face much stiffer competiton in the public switching sector because of BT's decision to take on board the competition from Sweden's L. M. Ericsson, with its own competitive system.

At GEC the main profits earners have been the electronic *systems and components* division, which includes many of the successful Marconi businesses oriented towards defence. Automation product sales have been higher. GEC is also in mechanical handling and office equipment as well as telecommunications and business *systems. In electricals,* GEC has been seeing problems with switchgear, and computers have been operating at a loss.

One question that would face the new company is how far to pursue the Plessey attempt to establish a profitable telecommunications business in the United States.

The historical perspective is, however, the most striking. In the sixties the British electrical *industry was transformed when* Lord Weinstock merged GEC, AEI and English Electric. The present state of the British electronics industry, which has also seen STC running into managerial and strategic problems, looks remarkably like that which faced Lord Weinstock all those years ago.

How far the proposed marriage with Plessey could find GEC playing a similar catalytic *role for the electronics industry* remains to be seen. The earlier Weinstock revolution was carried through with government backing. Similar rationalization in electronics beyond the GEC-Plessey tie-up could raise more complex issues today.

GEC-Plessey, moreover, would be a powerful force on the international scene.

Japan urges more action on G5 pact

From David Watts, Tokyo

The governor of the Bank of Japan thinks the other members of the Group of Five should be doing more to make their *September dollar agreement* work.

Governor Satoshi Sumita said the five could not go on relying solely on foreign exchange market intervention to reduce the value of the dollar and raise the value of the yen.

He added "The agreement also addresses policy and we would therefore expect that the countries concerned will work *for a convergence of their* policies in accordance with the G5 agreement. The political will of the countries concerned must appear in the form of greater policy co-ordination".

As if to underline Mr Sumita's dissatisfaction with the one-sidedness of the international effort, the dollar's value rose for the fourth day in Tokyo to close at yen 203.90.

Mr Sumita made it clear that although Japan and Germany had agreed to stimulate domestic demand under the agreement, Japan could not jeopardize its commitment to domestic fiscal reform in the process: "demand stimulation must be the province of the private sector, he said.

Against a background of declining export profits and *dwindling export volume he* said the most important thing for Japan "is to exert all possible efforts to redress external trade imbalances by seeing to it that the yen appreciation becomes a more firmly established trend".



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Harris gives £1m to help promising businessmen

By Teresa Poole

The Christmas spirit strengthened its grip on British industry yesterday, with the launch of Sir Philip Harris's Young Entrepreneurs Fund.

Sir Philip, chairman of the stores group, Harris Queensway, has given £1 million of his personal, tax-paid, fortune to "help people do what I did". He started work at the age of 15 after the death of his father, and from three shops has built up a multi-million pound business employing 8,000 people.

"I want this fund to help young, promising people to fulfil themselves and fulfil their potential", he said.

The fund will invest in new and developing businesses in



Sir Philip Harris: "Help people do what I did"

the manufacturing and service industries with an emphasis on creating employment. It will usually offer between £50,000 and £100,000 but there will be some smaller investments. Wide-ranging financial and business advice will be provided. "We will not just supply lend them the money and walk away", Sir Philip said.

The launch comes less than a week since Burton Group, the clothing retailer, announced the formation of a £2 million charitable trust to provide studio accommodation and financial support for up to 100 new design businesses in the North-east. Already more than 30 leading companies have given £600,000 in cash and goods to the project.

Sir Philip has a record of philanthropic gestures. He already finances a charitable trust

COMPANY NEWS

● **AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS:** The company has signed a contract with People's Republic of China to supply clutch design and production technology to the Jiefang Automotive Associated Corporation.

● **JACK L ISRAEL GROUP:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000s, turnover was 15,745 (14,481), while the pretax profit was 530 (342). Earnings per share were 0.47p (0.28p). It is the board's intention to recommend a final dividend of 0.5p net per share.

● **ARENSON GROUP:** The chairman told the annual meeting that the company had continued to make progress. The opening months showed an improved level of trading compared to same period last year.

● **PARK PLACE INVESTMENTS:** The company has entered into a conditional agreement with shareholders of Mary Glasgow to acquire the whole of issued share capital. Total purchase consideration is £1,633,000 to be satisfied by the issue of 771,648 Park Place ordinary shares.

● **PREMIER CONSOLIDATED:** The offer of Premier Consolidated Oil for all the issued share capital of Rocky Mountains Oil & Gas has become unconditional in all respects. Acceptances have been received in respect of 98.4 per cent of Rocky Mountains' ordinary share capital (2,361,632 ordinary).

● **INTERNATIONAL SIGNAL & CONTROL GROUP:** For the half-year to September 29 with figures in $000, turnover was 193,927 (123,569), while the pretax profit was 14,270 (14,103). Earnings per share were $0.065 (0.062). An interim dividend of $0.012 (0.001) is being paid.

● **ATKINS BROTHERS:** For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, group turnover was 8,324 (6,307), while the pretax profit was 215 (96). Earnings losses per share were 2.89p (1.47p). An interim dividend of 1.7p (1.35p) has been recommended.

● **BLUEMEL BROS:** Contracts were signed on November 29 for sale of the Ray Engineering Co, realizing a total of £1.25 million cash which has been received and applied to reducing Bluemel's borrowings. The buyer is a new company in the course of being renamed Ray Engineering (Holidays).

● **COUNTRY AND NEW TOWN PROPERTIES:** For the half-year to July 31 with figures in £000, turnover was 5,668 (5,978), while the pretax profit was 4,934 (1,535). Earnings per share were 1.86p (1.32p). An interim dividend of 0.6p (0.5p) is being paid on January 31.

BRUNNING GROUP: For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 33,332 (29,430), while the pretax profit was 402 (358). Earnings per share were 7.9p (6.4). An interim dividend of 2.1p (same) is being paid on January 7.

● **PLATON INTERNATIONAL:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,852 (1,453), while the pretax profit was 256.3 (181.4). Earnings per share were 4.16p (3.14p). An interim dividend of 1.33 (0.93p) is being paid on February 28.

LEEDS GROUP: For the year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 14,455 (10,531), while the pretax profit was 2,005 (1,417). Earnings per share were 18.4p (14p). A final dividend of 4p making a total of 6.25p (5p) is being paid.

● **R. W. TOOTHILL:** For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 2,029 (1,975), while the pretax profit was 121 (112). Earnings per share were 10.86 (8.43). An interim dividend of 3.3p (3p) is being paid.

● **JERMYN INVESTMENT:** For the half-year to July 31, income from fixed asset investment was £32,420 (£22,681), while the pretax profit was £86,060 (£48,441). Earnings per share were 6.02p (3.39p).

● **CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS:** The company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Wilson, a firm of commercial and residential estate agents. Total consideration for the acquisition is dependent upon the profit performance of Wilson for the year to December 31, 1986.

● **BRIERLY INVESTMENTS:** The company has placed 15 million ordinary shares at Aus $5.20 (£2.36) each with Australian institutional investors to raise funds for international expansion.

● **MCFINLEY RED LAKE MINES:** The company is getting ready for a commercial mining operation at its Red Lake property in Ontario, Canada.

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For the six months ended 30th September 1985

(Unaudited)	6 Months to 30th Sept. 1985 $000s	6 Months to 30th Sept. 1984 $000s
Turnover	193,927	123,569
Operating profit	21,034	14,331
Interest receivable	1,032	890
Interest payable	7,796	1,118
Profit before taxation	14,270	14,103
Taxation	5,351	5,641
Profit attributable to shareholders	8,919	8,462
Interim dividend	1,637	1,364
Retained earnings	7,282	7,098
Earnings per share	$0.065	$0.062

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Interim Report

Group results for the nine months to 30 September 1985

	9 months to 30 Sept 85 £000	9 months to 30 Sept 84 £000	Year to 31 Dec 84 £000
Turnover	**294,864**	271,203	382,769
Profit on trading			
Oil, gas, chemical and mining	**4,281**	3,127	4,161
Mechanical and electrical	**4,180**	3,859	5,348
	8,461	6,986	9,509
Interest receivable (net)	**2,909**	3,553	4,736
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	**11,370**	10,539	14,245
Taxation charge for the period	**(5,310)**	(5,401)	(7,333)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	**6,060**	5,138	6,912
Outside shareholders' interests	**6**	(1)	(2)
Profit attributable to shareholders	**6,054**	5,139	6,914
Ordinary dividends	**1,150**	461	2,692
Earnings per share	**8.73p**	7.52p	10.11p

Notes:
1 The nine months' results for both years are unaudited. The results for the year 1984 shown above are an abridged version of the audited accounts of that year which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Report of the Auditors was unqualified.
2 Earnings per share are based on profit attributable to shareholders and 68,562 million shares (as increased by the one for one capitalisation issue on 7th June 1985) in issue up to 22 August 1985 and 77.16 million shares thereafter following the acquisition of The IDC Group plc.

Salient Points from the Interim Report to Shareholders

- Pre-tax profit for nine months up 8%. Further growth anticipated with full year profit of £15.75 million – an increase of 10.5%.
- Interim dividend of 1.5p per share to reduce disparity between dividend payments.
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The Group's profit before taxation for the financial year to 31 August 1985 increased by £20.8m to a record level of £71.5m, a rise of 41 per cent. External sales increased from £1,213m to £1,314m.

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Overseas trading profits increased by 88 per cent and it was encouraging to note the very substantial turnaround in the United States. Despite difficult trading conditions in the Pacific region, an increase in profits was once more achieved.

Final Dividend Increased

The directors recommend a final dividend of 3.45 pence per ordinary share, an increase of 25 per cent over last year's final dividend. With the interim dividend already paid, dividends total 5.29 pence per share, making an increase of 21.4 per cent in the total dividends for the year.

Outlook

Chairman, Sir Peter Reynolds, said:-

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Results in brief	1985	1984
External sales	£1,314m	£1,213m
Profit before taxation	£71.5m	£50.7m
Funds employed	£491m	£474m
Return on funds employed	17.0%	13.0%
Net tangible assets per Ordinary share	96.6p	92.5p
Earnings per Ordinary share	15.7p	12.2p
Dividends per Ordinary share	5.29p	4.356p

*The basis of translating profit and loss account in overseas currencies has been changed for 1984'S from year-end to average exchange rates. Comparative figures have been restated accordingly.

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The General Electric Company plc.

Interim Report

1. The unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September 1985 are:

	6 months to 30th Sept. 1985 £ million	6 months to 30th Sept. 1984 £ million	Year to 31st March 1985 £ million
Profit before taxation	289	332	725
Estimated taxation	109	141	299
	180	191	426
Minority Interests	4	9	19
	176	182	407
Earnings per share	6.6p	6.6p	14.9p

2. The directors have declared an interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 1.40p (1984, 1.35p) per share payable on 29th March 1986 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 13th February 1986. The cost of the interim dividend is £37 million (1984, £37 million).

3. As stated by the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting in September, the results for the first four months of the current financial year were down on the previous year, a trend which continued during August and September.
Major items involved were:-
(a) a fall of £14 million in the profits of the Exchange and Transmission group. So far as Transmission is concerned, the work load is still declining, but Exchange division is expected to recover in the second half through the increasing rate of delivery of System X;
(b) the profits of Canadian Marconi Company were reduced by Canadian $22 million as a result of a drop in the order book, which is beginning to show signs of improving;
(c) a reduction of £16 million in the results of Marconi Secure Radio, GEC McMichael and the Switchgear businesses. In the case of Marconi Secure Radio, a substantial overseas order, on which considerable expenditure had been incurred, was not implemented because of a failure to establish acceptable credit terms. Abortive expenditures were also borne in GEC McMichael. The Switchgear and associated businesses suffered further from the difficulties which were reported at the end of last year and from a continuing low demand. In all of these units substantial costs are being incurred in the process of reorganisation;
(d) sharply increased expenditure on research and development, particularly in microcircuitry and opto-electronic devices and in their applications;
(e) movements in exchange rates reduced the sterling value of the overseas activities by £11 million as against the prevailing rates at 30th September, 1984. There was also a reduction of £10 million in gains arising from the Company's holdings of foreign currencies.

4. Principal Activities

	Profit before Tax 1985 £m	1984 £m	Turnover 1985 £m	1984 £m
Electronic Systems and Components	77	108	877	864
Telecommunications and Business Systems	33	40	352	366
Automation and Control	20	19	230	215
Medical Equipment	9	14	199	230
Power Generation	29	26	303	297
Electrical Equipment	19	19	377	351
Consumer Products	14	11	154	135
Distribution and Trading	6	6	108	111
	207	243	2,600	2,569
Associated Companies	4	11	146	179
Activities sold. Subsidiaries	–	–	–	10
Associated Companies	–	–	–	7
Other activities and items	(2)	(6)	36	29
Income receivable, less interest payable, from loans, deposits and investments, including revaluation adjustments	80*	84*	–	–
	289	332	2,782	2,794

*Includes credit revaluation adjustments of the Company's holdings of foreign currencies of £1 million (1984 £11 million).

5. Bank deposits, current asset investments and net balances with bankers at 30th September 1985 were £1,367 million (31st March 1985, £1,414 million).

6 (a) Territorial analysis of results of Principal Activities

	Profit before Tax 1985 £m	1984 £m	Turnover 1985 £m	1984 £m
United Kingdom	157	172	1,316	1,225
Rest of Europe	16	17	257	234
The Americas	26	43	464	564
Australasia	4	5	115	127
Asia	3	5	345	304
Africa	1	1	103	115
	207	243	2,600	2,569
(b) Sales to customers excluding inter-Group and associated companies			2,462	2,432
(c) Exports from the United Kingdom			604	558

GEC

30% jump for CH Industrials

CH Industrials, the holding company with interests in chemical and polymer products, specialists engineering and property made pretax profits of £653,000 in the six months to September 28, a 30 per cent increase on the previous first half. The increased business is continuing in the second half and, with the benefit of the £5 million rights issue proceeds and much stronger second half profits from property development, full-year profits could total about £2 million against £1.45 million. The interim dividend was raised to 0.5 against 0.45p.

In brief

● **DANIEL THWAITES:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, pretax profit was 1,716 (2,402). Earnings per share were 20.5p (31.9p). An interim dividend of 1.1p (1.1p) is being paid on Jan 6.

● **BROWN SHIPLEY:** The bank is to raise ECU 30 million by the issue of bonds through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Brown Shipley Finance (Holland). The bonds, to be listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange, will carry a coupon of 9⅛ per cent and are due for repayment in 1994. The net proceeds will be about £17.3 million.

● **BROWNLEE:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 17,591 (18,231), while the pretax profit wa 314 (1,831). Earnings per share were 1.2p (6.3p). An interim dividend of 1p (1.3p) is being paid on Jan 10.

● **DUNDEE & LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST:** For the year to Oct 31, with figures in £000, pretax revenue was 1,423 (1,203). Earnings per share were 5.62p (4.79p). A final dividend of 3.4p (3.2p) is being paid, making a total of 5.4p (4.7p).

● **PILKINGTON BROTHERS:** Pilkington ACI, the Australian half-owned offshoot, has acquired the Oliver Davey glass division of Email. The consideration is being paid in cash from Australian resources and represents less than 5 per cent of the assets of Pilkington Brothers. Turnover of Oliver Davey is about A$70 million (£35 million).

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	101-1
Cheshire Wholefoods 5p Ord	125–1
China & Eastn Inv 50.05 (71p)	66
Com Assets Tst 75p Ord Fully Pd	54–½
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	166–4
Dialcue 25p Ord (128a)	135
Fairbriar 10p Ord (120)	114
German Sec Inv £1 Ord (100) 50p Pd	49½
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	65+3
Iooco 10p Ord (55)	51
Magnetic Materials 10p Ord (144a)	103
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	97+1
Millward Brown 10p Ord (160a)	168
SPP 10p Ord (125)	143
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	490+2
Snowden & Bridge 10p Ord (97a)	106+2
Sterling Publishing 5p Ord (37a)	70
Strata Inv (100)	98
T M D Advertising 5p Ord (118a)	125
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	190–4
W Yorks Ind Hosp 50 Ord (90a)	93
World of Leather 10p Ord (128a)	158
Rights Issues	
Countryside Prop (270) Nil Pd	44 prem–2
Samuelson Grp (240) Nil Pd	36 prem–2
Wedgwood (187) Nil Pd	27 prem+2

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

Law Report December 4 1985

Charge against doctor not bad for duplicity

Peatfield v General Medical Council

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Mackay of Clashfern

[Judgment delivered December 2]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that a charge before the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council alleging that a medical practitioner had abused his professional position by treating individual patients with drugs in certain circumstances was not bad for duplicity since it could be fairly read as alleging a course of conduct which amounted to serious professional misconduct.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Dr Barry John Dunzant Peatfield against the determination of the professional conduct committee of the GMC on July 12, 1985, that by reason of a finding of serious professional misconduct his registration in the register be erased.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Thomas Shields for the practitioner, Miss Ann Curnow, QC and Mr M J Dennis for the GMC.

LORD MACKAY said that the practitioner was charged with during a particular period abusing his professional position as a medical practitioner by supplying to individual patients drugs, including those specified, without taking certain steps set out in the charge.

At the hearing the practitioner and the GMC were represented by leading counsel. Prior to the hearing the statements of the witnesses to be adduced by the GMC were sent to the practitioner's solicitors.

After the case was opened by counsel for the GMC, evidence was led from four patients of the practitioner, one of whom spoke also about two other members of her family, from a senior inspector at the Home Office drugs branch, and from seven medical practitioners in the course of which reference was made to three other patients of the practitioner.

At the conclusion of the evidence counsel in turn addressed the committee, and after being addressed by their legal assessor the chairman on behalf of the committee announced their decision stating that they had found the facts alleged against the practitioner in the charge proved to their satisfaction, and repeating the charge itself.

Counsel for the GMC then addressed the committee followed by counsel for the practitioner, who pointed out that there were obvious difficulties in his making submissions when the findings of the committee were bound to be very general in their terms and could cover a very wide spectrum.

After considering their decision the chairman, on behalf of the committee announced to the practitioner: "The committee take a serious view of the evidence which they have heard in this case concerning that part of your practice in which you have accepted patients for a period of treatment for obesity.

"The committee are appalled that you prescribed potent drugs to some patients in such circumstances without first adequately examining them, seeking adequate information as to his or her medical history, and without notifying your treatment to other doctors who, over the same periods, were concurrently undertaking responsibility for comprehensive management of the patients' medical care.

"They deplore the evidence that you supplied repeat prescriptions without making adequate inquiries on each occasion about the effect of the treatment on the patients' health. The committee have accordingly judged you to have been guilty of serious professional misconduct . . . and have directed the registrar to erase your name from the register."

On the hearing of the appeal counsel for the practitioner, who was not the counsel who represented him before the committee, first drew attention to the form of the charge. He pointed out that although there was reference therein to "individual" patients, those patients were not particularized in the charge.

He submitted that the charge should be read as indicating a number of instances of serious professional misconduct in respect of each of the individual patients referred to. He poinied out that it was a well-established principle of English criminal law, which should also apply in proceedings such as those from which the appeal arose, that a charge should allege only one offence and that to allege two distinct offences within one charge rendered the charge bad for duplicity.

In support of the submission he referred to the decision of Mr Justice Mann in *R v General Medical Council, Ex parte Gee (The Times*, November 5, 1985). That case was concerned with two applications for judicial review by a doctor who faced a charge under four heads, the first three of which were in terms as to their substance almost identical to the charge in the present case.

In that case it had been submitted to the judge that the charge related to the way in which the doctor's practice was carried on and it mattered not whether there were eight patients or one. The judge did not agree that the charge was so drawn; he pointed to the reference to "individual patients" and noted that the charge had been particularized by reference to eight patients.

The judge, in those circumstances and having regard to the correspondence in that case, concluded that the charge in question there alleged separate offences of serious professional misconduct and was bad for duplicity, and that the professional conduct committee should not be allowed to proceed to its consideration until that vice was cured.

In the present case, this matter had been raised for the first time after the inquiry before the professional conduct committee had been concluded. The charge could be fairly read as alleging a course of conduct by the practitioner referred to in the charge, and that it was that course of conduct which amounted to serious professional misconduct.

The use of the word "individual" was inappropriate, but both parties before the committee treated the charge as a complaint with regard to a course of conduct. Their Lordships considered that the point was not a good reason for allowing the appeal.

Another matter raised was that the committee had given no reason for their decision and had not indicated in detail what facts they had found established. Counsel submitted that having regard to the form of the charge it was particularly necessary for the committee to make findings that dealt separately with the facts found relating to each patient who had been dealt with in the evidence.

While there were cases in which it would be extremely helpful if the committee gave reasons for their decision, their Lordships had no difficulty in appreciating how in the present case the committee could have reached their decision and took that decision to amount to a finding that the facts alleged in the charge were substantially proved against the practitioner.

Although the practitioner's counsel had stated after the announcement of findings that he had some difficulty in making submissions, there was no reason to doubt that he was able adequately to represent to the committee the practitioner's position in the light of their findings.

It would have been open to the committee, if they so chose, to make more detailed findings in fact, but in the circumstances of the case their findings were made in sufficient detail to discharge the obligation imposed upon them.

Counsel for the practitioner in making his submissions to the committee had said everything that could have been urged on the practitioner's behalf and he was not prejudiced in making submissions by the form that the findings took.

Their Lordships were mindful of the critical importance to a person in the practitioner's position of the decision of the committee, but they had reached the conclusion that a fair and proper inquiry had been held and a proper finding made upon it. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed with costs.

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Trawlerman did have a contract of employment

Boyd Line Ltd v Pitts

Before Mr Justice French, Mr A Blacklaws and Ms P Smith

[Judgment delivered November 27]

A Hull trawlerman who had spent all his working life sailing for the employers was held to have been constructively dismissed when the job of skipper on the employers' one remaining vessel was offered to someone who did not normally sail with the company.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal upheld an industrial tribunal's decision that the series of voyage contracts interspersed by periods ashore was subject to an overriding contract under which the employers were obliged to offer the applicant such employment as was available and the applicant was obliged to be available to accept it, and that that agreement was repudiated when another skipper was offered the employers' only remaining ship.

The appeal tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal by the employers, Boyd Line Ltd, from a majority decision of a Hull industrial tribunal in October 1984, that the applicant, Mr Charles Pitts, was unfairly dismissed. The appeal was on the ground, *inter alia*, that the industrial tribunal ought to have held that between voyages there were no mutual contractual obligations sufficient to found a continuing contract of employment, and that the applicant had not been constructively dismissed.

Mr Alan Pardoe for the employers; Mr H G Forrest, adviser, for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said that the applicant had worked exclusively for the employers for over thirty years. Between voyages he signed off the log and drew unemployment benefit.

His last vessel returned to port in May 1983 but he continued to visit the employers and discuss company matters. In February 1984 another skipper was asked to take the last operating ship still owned by the employers for guard duties in the Channel.

His case was that there was a continuing relationship which amounted to a global contract of employment which was breached in February 1984 when he was constructively dismissed.

The employers had resisted the claim on the grounds that there was no dismissal and no continuous employment and that each voyage constituted a separate contract of employment.

They argued on appeal that the applicant had been unemployed at the time of the alleged dismissal and there was no contractual relationship with no mutual obligations.

The appeal tribunal considered that the industrial tribunal had applied the right test in law, namely mutuality of obligations. They would take account of the words of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in *O'Kelly v Trusthouse Forte plc* ([1983] ICR 728), that there must have been a misdirection in law before an appellate court could intervene.

There was evidence on which an industrial tribunal could have found that there was a global or umbrella contract which was breached in the way contended for by the applicant.

Although another division of the appeal tribunal in *Hellyer Brothers Ltd v McLeod (The Times*, November 22, 1985) had come to a different conclusion in a case involving Hull trawlermen, the industrial tribunal's findings of fact differed in certain respects from those in the present case and there was no conflict in principle between the two decisions.

The appeal would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

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99⅛	97⅞	Treas 3% 1988	98⅛	-/-	3.106	10.874
100	97⅞	Exch C 10¾% 1988	99⅝	-/-	10.847	11.283
101¼	99⅛	Treas 12% 1988-9	100¼	-/-	11.958	11.352
98⅝	94⅝	Treas 8½% 1984-88	98⅛	-/-	8.681	11.679
105⅛	102⅛	Exch 14% 1988	103¼	-/-	13.561	11.179
94⅝	91⅝	Exch 7¾% 1985	94⅛	-/-	8.274	11.539
104⅝	101⅛	Exch 12¾% 1987	101⅝	-/-	12.996	11.288
99⅝	95⅝	Treas C 10¾% 1987	97⅝	-/-	10.357	11.183
94⅝	94⅛	Exch 3% 1987	94⅝	-/-	2.880	10.874
100⅜	98⅝	Exch 9¾% 1987	98⅝	-/-	10.574	11.087
99⅝	99⅛	Fund 9% 1985-87	99⅝	-/-	6.651	10.529
97⅝	94⅝	Treas 10¾% 1987	97⅛	-/-	10.147	11.079
91⅝	89⅝	Treas 3% 1987	91⅛	-/-	3.291	10.874
102⅝	99⅝	Treas 12% 1985	100⅛	-/-	11.812	11.042
95⅝	92⅝	Treas 3½% 1985-88	94⅝	-/-	8.283	10.796
100⅝	97⅝	Exch 10¾% 1988	98⅝	-/-	10.568	10.899
98⅝	95⅝	Treas C 10¾% 1988	96⅝	-/-	10.018	10.718
98⅝	94⅝	Treas 9% 1978-88	96⅝	-/-	3.431	8.542
97⅝	95⅝	Treas 3% 1986	96⅝	-/-	3.093	10.967
102⅝	99⅝	Treas 12% 1988	101⅝	-/-	11.332	10.991
97⅝	95⅝	Treas C 9¾% 1988	96⅝	-/-	9.969	10.968
97⅝	94⅝	Treas 3% 1989	95⅝	-/-	3.569	8.425
100⅝	97⅝	Treas 11¾% 1989	98⅝	-/-	10.551	10.888
100⅝	97⅝	Treas 12% 1989	98⅝	-/-	10.291	10.845
97⅝	94⅝	Treas 9% 1989	95⅝	-/-	9.469	10.844
97⅝	94⅝	Treas 8¾% 1989	95⅝	-/-	9.211	10.844
101⅝	98⅝	Treas 12% 1990	99⅝	-/-	11.832	10.842
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
105⅝	99⅝	Treas 11¾% 1991	101⅝	-/-	11.429	10.975
99⅝	96⅝	Fund 9% 1992-96	97⅝	-/-	6.672	9.074
101⅝	97⅝	Treas 11% 1991	101⅝	-/-	10.934	10.896
113⅝	109⅝	Treas 12¾% 1992	112⅝	-/-	11.302	10.926
109⅝	104⅝	Treas 10% 1992	107⅝	-/-	10.363	10.717
107⅝	103⅝	Treas C 10% 1992	105⅝	-/-	10.048	10.514
116⅝	111⅝	Exch 13¾% 1992	114⅝	-/-	11.845	10.939
104⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 1992	102⅝	-/-	10.043	10.514
114⅝	109⅝	Treas 12¾% 1993	112⅝	-/-	11.338	10.853
107⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1993	105⅝	-/-	7.304	9.398
119⅝	113⅝	Treas 13¾% 1993	117⅝	-/-	11.974	10.914
113⅝	108⅝	Treas 12% 1994	111⅝	-/-	10.732	10.876
109⅝	104⅝	Treas 10% 1994	107⅝	-/-	10.344	10.876
107⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1994	105⅝	-/-	10.514	10.943
111⅝	106⅝	Exch 11¾% 1991-95	109⅝	-/-	9.992	10.883
107⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1995	105⅝	-/-	11.317	10.924
104⅝	99⅝	Treas 8% 1995	102⅝	-/-	10.016	10.880
114⅝	109⅝	Treas 12% 1995-98	112⅝	-/-	11.466	10.882
112⅝	107⅝	Treas 11¾% 1996	110⅝	-/-	11.345	10.880
111⅝	106⅝	Exch 11¾% 1996	109⅝	-/-	11.494	10.943
107⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1996	105⅝	-/-	11.437	10.779
104⅝	99⅝	Treas 8% 1997	102⅝	-/-	10.862	10.724
102⅝	97⅝	Treas 7¾% 1997	100⅝	-/-	9.944	10.583
111⅝	106⅝	Exch 11¾% 1997	109⅝	-/-	11.337	10.923
107⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 1998	105⅝	-/-	11.388	10.929
104⅝	99⅝	Exch 8¾% 1998-88	102⅝	-/-	10.552	10.884
102⅝	97⅝	Treas 7¾% 1998	100⅝	-/-	11.129	10.884
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
109⅝	99⅝	Treas 10% 2001	97⅝	-/-	10.295	10.381
112⅝	101⅝	Conv 9¾% 1999-01	101⅝	-/-	11.578	10.869
99⅝	92⅝	Conv 9% 2001	96⅝	-/-	10.223	10.463
114⅝	103⅝	Exch 12% 1999-02	113⅝	-/-	10.966	10.658
112⅝	102⅝	Conv 12% 2003	111⅝	-/-	10.781	10.834
98⅝	88⅝	Treas 9% 2002	96⅝	-/-	10.329	10.384
128⅝	113⅝	Treas 13¾% 2000-05	127⅝	-/-	11.245	10.888
113⅝	101⅝	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	112⅝	-/-	10.960	10.446
107⅝	96⅝	Treas 10% 2004	96⅝	-/-	10.329	10.388
97⅝	87⅝	Treas 9% 1999-04	96⅝	-/-	9.282	9.956
107⅝	96⅝	Conv 9¾% 2004	96⅝	-/-	10.158	10.258
107⅝	96⅝	Treas 9% 2005	106⅝	-/-	10.144	10.246
112⅝	101⅝	Treas 12% 2003-05	110⅝	-/-	10.736	10.834
113⅝	102⅝	Treas 12% 2003-07	111⅝	-/-	10.734	10.833
113⅝	102⅝	Treas 12% 2004-08	112⅝	-/-	10.815	10.835
97⅝	87⅝	Treas 9% 2008-12	96⅝	-/-	9.314	9.384
97⅝	87⅝	Treas 9% 2012-15	96⅝	-/-	9.314	9.384
124⅝	110⅝	Exch 12¾% 2013-17	117⅝	-/-	10.858	10.884
UNDATED						
37⅝	35⅝	War Ln 3½%	37⅝	-/-	9.867	
49⅝	47⅝	Conv 4%	49⅝	-/-	8.141	
31⅝	29⅝	Treas 2½%	31⅝	-/-	8.875	
27⅝	25⅝	Consols 4%	27⅝	-/-	8.795	
27⅝	25⅝	Treas 2½%	27⅝	-/-	9.577	
INDEX-LINKED					(a)	(b)
117⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 2¾% 1988	116⅝	-/-	4.485	3.346
117⅝	101⅝	Treas IL 2½% 1988	101⅝	-/-	4.111	3.448
115⅝	98⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	115⅝	-/-	4.068	3.567
113⅝	96⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2006	113⅝	-/-	3.835	3.649
111⅝	94⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	111⅝	-/-	3.718	3.581
109⅝	92⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	109⅝	-/-	3.654	3.553
107⅝	90⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	107⅝	-/-	3.626	3.543
98⅝	90⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	98⅝	-/-	3.550	3.488
98⅝	90⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	98⅝	-/-	3.470	3.455

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
168	155	Allied-Lyons	288		11.5	4.1	15.8
487	471	Bass	487		18.6	3.8	16.8
41	38	Bethnen	41		1.1	2.7	25.7
168	158	Bloddingtons	168		4.8	2.8	24.4
158	158	Brown (Matthew)	158		15.4	9.7	9.4
157	157	Bulmer (H P)	157		7.5	4.7	15.4
485	485	Burtonwood Brew	485		14.1	2.9	16.4
205	205	Clark (Matthew)	205		10.5	5.1	16.2
417	390	Devenish (J A)	417		17.1	4.1	15.4
390	390	Distillers	390		26.5	6.8	15.4
180	180	Greenall Whitley	180		6.5	3.7	12.5
395	395	Greene King	395		7.5	1.9	15.4
288	288	Gulness	288		16.5	5.7	15.4
412	412	Hardys & Hansons	412		22.9	5.6	12.5
77	77	Highland Dist	77		2.5	3.2	25.6
175	175	Invergordon Dist	175		6.1	3.5	15.8
155	155	Inch Dist	155		5.09	3.3	15.2
395	395	Marston Thompson	395		9.5	2.4	15.4
184	184	Morland	184		6.1	3.3	15.2
180	180	SA Breweries	180		6.5	3.7	12.5
395	395	Scot & Newc	395		16.09	5.5	12.7
430	430	Seagram	430		21.1	4.9	15.3
395	395	Vaux	395		16.2	4.1	15.3
184	184	Whitbread 'A'	184		10.5	5.7	15.3
395	395	Do 'B'	395		16.5	4.2	15.3
274	274	Whitbread Inv	274		9.6	3.5	21.4
250	250	Wolverhampton & D	250		11.3	4.5	16.8
185	185	Young 'A'	185		9.4	5.1	16.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

175	80	Allied Irish	175		9.0	5.1	
88	88	Anglocashier (Henry)	88				30.2
253	214	Aus New Z	214		15.0	7.0	
190	90	Bankamerica	190				
395	395	Bank Of Ireland	395		17.0	4.6	
215	215	Bank Leumi Israel	215				
280	280	Bank Leumi UK	280		15.0	5.5	16.5
395	395	Bank Of Scotland	412		18.0	5.4	12.5
484	484	Barclays	484		24.0	5.4	13.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
242	172	Aberdeen Constr	240		10.5	4.4	15.0
280	230	Amec	242		15.7	6.5	9.8
299	299	Armitage	299		8.14	4.8	13.5
82	82	Ainwoods	82		5.7	6.9	11.5
208	208	BPB Industries	208		11.5	3.2	14.6
64	64	Baggeridge Brick	64		6.5	2.8	14.1
116	116	Barratt Devs	116		9.0	1.4	6.2
113	113	Bellway	157		10.6	7.3	13.5
78	78	Bestwood Concrete	78		4.4	5.6	11.5
77	77	Bird Bros	77		4.4	5.7	11.5
910	910	Shoddens	910		32.9	3.6	13.6
488	488	Blue Circle	488		28.6	5.9	7.8
194	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	208		13.6	6.5	20.7
95	95	Bridehouse Dudley	73		3.5	4.8	12.4
11	11	Br Dredging	95		5.5	5.8	14.3
84	84	Brown&Jackson	84				11.0
62	62	Brownlee	62		4.4	7.1	7.3
84	84	Bryant	84		4.7	5.4	11.1
74	74	Burrell & Hallam	74		12.5		
156	156	Calvebread Robey	156		4.4	2.8	26.0
97½	97½	Cement-Roadstone	97½		4.1	4.2	9.7
70	70	Condor Grp	70		2.1	3.1	26.1
226	226	Costain	226		22.1	4.5	19.5
314	314	Countrywide	314		9.9	2.8	12.5
114	114	Crouch (Derek)	114		7.9	7.0	20.0
108	108	Dew (George)	108		8.1	7.5	8.5
81	81	Douglas (Hld)	81		2.5	3.2	13.9
78	78	Ecrid	78		4.4	5.6	12.5
62	62	Fed	62		4.2	6.9	6.2
		Do 'A'					
83	83	Finlay Gp					
117	117	French Kier	280		6.5	3.9	13.1
64	64	Guilford	64		6.5	7.9	13.0
110	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	110		2.3	2.1	37.3
204	204	Gleeson (AJ)	204		7.7	3.8	9.0
89	89	HAT	102		5.4	5.3	12.4
61	61	Halliad Ber			2.8	4.1	9.0
46	33	Hawden-Stuart	44		2.5	5.7	8.2
174	174	Heywood Williams	165		8.5	5.1	9.5
281	281	Higgs & Hill	183		4.1	2.2	10.7
162	162	Holbeck Johnson	162		5.1	3.7	12.4
335	335	Jarvis (J) & Sons	335		25.0	7.5	9.8
327	327	Laing (J)	327		8.8	2.7	10.3
198	198	Do 'A'	198		4.9	2.5	9.5
97	97	Lawrence (Walter)	97		5.3	5.5	11.8
78	78	Lilley (FJC)	78		4.2	5.4	9.1
350	350	Lovell (YJ)	350		8.7	2.5	14.5
104	104	Magnet & South	140		10.5	7.5	11.5
161	161	Marden	182		10.5	5.8	12.5
110	110	Marchells (Halliax)	170		7.1b	4.2	
22	22	May & Hassell	22		6.4	5.3	12.0
396	396	McAlpine (Alfred)	324		16.1	5.0	11.8
112	112	Meyer Int	175		7.5	4.3	9.7
14	14	Miller (Stanley)	12		0.7	5.8	
105	105	Monk (A)	105		7.9	7.5	17.1
348	348	Mowlem (John)	324		18.6	5.1	21.8
165	165	Newarthill	165		15.7	9.5	15.3
143	143	Nottingham Brick	160		7.5	4.9	14.8
98	98	Pearce (CH) Sons	125		11.1	1.5	12.5
150	96	Persimmon	155		15.5	5.4	9.1
350	350	Phoenix Timber	104		4.3	4.1	3.9
180	180	Pochins	272		18.4	6.8	10.9
358	358	RMC	358		18.5	5.2	12.8
348	348	Redland	348		16.5	4.7	12.8
177	177	Roberts Adlard	177		8.6	6.4	14.5
145	145	Ruberoid	160		11.1	6.9	10.8
275	275	Ruddy Cement	280		10.0	3.6	16.8
152	152	SGB	152		3.2	5.4	14.3
95	95	Sharpe & Fisher	95		6.2	6.5	11.5
527	527	Smart (J)	574		11.7	3.1	15.8
348	348	Tarmac	348		16.5	4.7	14.0
145	145	Taylor Woodrow	145		7.9	5.5	11.0
338	338	Tilbury Group	338		11.5a	3.3	13.7
348	348	Travis & Arnold	348		1.5	1.5	11.0
97	97	Trent	152		10.0	6.7	22.5
143	143	Turriff	143		12.5	8.7	9.2
135	135	Wimpey	135		8.5	6.3	11.5
258	258	Ward	258		5.7a	2.2	9.6
178	178	Warrington (T)	178		6.0	3.3	14.8
330	330	Watts Blake	330		14a	2.2	13.2
78	78	Western Bros	78				
46	46	Wiggins	46				
216	172	Wilson (Connolly)	214		4.5	1.4	15.4
141	97	Wimpey (George)	124	-1	4.8	3.7	11.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

337	23½	AKZO N/V Bearer	23½				12.6
256	121	Allied Colloids	256		4.5	1.7	13.6
375	375	Amersham	375		8.5	2.3	14.8
260	195	Anchor Chemical	195		6.5	3.3	7.8
514	514	Bayer DM50	514		20.0	3.9	7.2
130	100	Blagden	114		10.3	9.0	7.8
134	104	Brent Chems	115		5.1	4.5	9.5
78	78	Br Borrod					
78	78	Br Tar Products	188				15.5
78	78	Canning (W)	78				12.3
224	224	Cookson	278		8.5	3.1	14.1
151	151	Coates Bros	318		8.5	2.7	12.3
14	14	Do 'A'					
118	118	Cory (Horace)	118		6.7	5.4	5.4
98	98	Croda	98		10.0	7.9	10.3
84	84	Do Dfd					
184	184	Ellis & Everard	184		8.4	4.6	16.1
175	175	Fosseo-Minerap	175		8.5	4.9	15.4
68	68	Halstead (James)	112		5.1	4.6	7.4
318	318	Hickson	318		21.4	6.8	7.4
280	280	Hoechst DM50	280				
530	530	Imp Chem Ind	711		44.5	6.3	7.8
278	278	Laporte	388		18.1	4.7	7.8
84	84	Leigh	84		4.3	5.1	16.4
141	141	Pilkington	177		8.1	4.6	16.5
53	53	Rosebrook Hldgs.	147		3.5	2.4	20.0
126	126	Ransome	126		5.5	4.4	16.5
144	144	RMA BPD	220				
162	98	Wolsenholme Rink	218		11.1	5.1	16.1
		Yorkshire Chem	69	-4	2.9a	3.8	11.5

CINEMAS AND TV

178	128	Anglia TV 'A'	178		11.4	6.4	12.8
176	116	Grampian	176		11.0	6.3	8.8
391	216	HTV N/V	376		11.0	6.3	8.8
216	216	LWT Hldgs	216		11.0	6.3	8.8
139	110	Scot TV 'A'	139		8.5	5.7	8.5
153	110	TVS N/V	151		8.5	5.7	8.5
33	33	TSW	31		2.4	7.8	8.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

79	50½	Aquascutum 'A'					
178	91½	Beattie (James) 'A'					
178		Bentalls					
178		Blacks Leis					
178		Bramlins					
178		Br Home Stores					
178		Brown (N)					
178		Burton					
178		Cahn (A) &Sons					
178		Carlton 'A'					
178		Casket (S)					
178		Church					
178		Combined English					
178		Courts (Furnl 'A'					
178		Dewhirst (J)					
178		Empire Grp					
178		Fenn					
178		Executive Clothes					
178		Fine Art Dev					
178		Ford (Martin)					
178		Formmaster					
178		Fraenkers					
178		Gallor (AA)					
178		Gent SH					
178		Goldberg (A)					
178		Goldsmiths Gp					
178		Grattan					
178		Do 'A'					
178		Harbet Mothercare					
178		Harris Queensway					
178		Hepworth (J)					
178		Hollis					
178		Home Charm					
178		House Of Lerose					
178		Jones (Edward					
178		Ladies Pride					
178		Lee Cooper					
178		Liberty					
178		Lincroft Kilgour					
178		Marks & Spencer					
178		Marples (John)					
178		Millets Leisure					
178		Moss Bros					
178		NSS Newsagents					
178		Ocean (G)					
178		Owen Owen					
178		Peters Stores					
178		Prouty (Alfred)					
178		Reiners (Jewellers)					
178		Raybeck					
178		Reuters					
178		Rood (Austin)					
178		Do 'A'					
178		S & U Stores					
178		Samuel (H)					
178		Do 'A'					
178		Sears					
178		Simpson (S) 'A'					
178		Smith (WH) 'A'					
178		Do 'B'					
178		Stanley (AG)					
178		Stockford					
178		Thomas Clothes					
178		Supervalu Stores					
178		Tom Consultns					
178		Time Products					
178		Tricorn Textile					
178		WW Group					
178		Ward White					
178		Wallis					
178		Woolworth					

ELECTRICALS

207	175	AB Elec	200		11.4	5.7	14.9
288	288	Amstrad	288		21.5	4.2	15.8
315	315	Apricot Computers	315		21.5	4.2	15.8
78	78	Arlen	78				
358	198	Atlantic Comp	198		24	12	15.5
38	38	Audio Fidelity	38				
280	280	Audio Soc	280				
220	185	BICC	220		16.1	7.3	12.5
185	43	BSR	88		24b	27	4.3

ENGINEERING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
484	388	Bowthorpe	484		8.0	1.6	18.1
288	190	Br Telecom 90p P	288		5.5	2.1	10.7
97	77	Brown Boveri Kent	97		3.5	3.6	15.1
117	117	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	117		3.5	3.0	12.8
78	78	CASE	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Cable & Wireless	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Cambridge Elec	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	CAP Gp	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Chloride	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Do 7½% CPF	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Comsup	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Cray Elect	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Crystalate	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Data Elect	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Datasery	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Devhurst 'A'	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
78	78	Domino	78		3.5	4.5	11.5
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WELSH RUGBY UNION CAPTAIN SWITCHES TO RUGBY LEAGUE

Holmes joins Bradford Northern for £80,000

By Keith Macklin and Gerald Davies

Terry Holmes left Rugby Union and the adulation of Cardiff and the valleys because he wanted two things out of life, security for himself and his family, and a new impetus and challenge in his playing career. Holmes last night ended his distinguished connection with Rugby Union in front of television cameras in a Leeds studio. On an early evening programme he put his signature to a three-year contract with Bradford Northern worth £80,000. He thus brought to a climax two years of negotiations during which rumours of a Holmes move to Rugby League have refused to go away despite frequent denials.

The signature was given all the pomp and flummery of a state agreement. In the studio were Barrie Stamper, the sponsor of Bradford Northern, and the man who has pursued Holmes on and off for two years, plus the Bradford directors Trevor Foster and Paul Robinson, the club coach Barry Seabourne, and solicitors representing both parties.

"This gives me the two things that I need in life, security for me my wife and family, and the thrill of a totally new challenge in my career," Holmes said, adding that the calling-off of the Lions tour to South Africa had nothing to do with his decision. "I had already made up my mind some time ago. I have achieved most of what I set out to achieve in Rugby Union, and my only slight regret is that I was not able to figure in a successful Welsh side."

"I must admit that I am glad that it has all now been finalized. It is a great relief to me. What made up my mind was the fact that I was not going to be available for the World Cup in 1987 as I was toying with the idea of giving up international rugby next year.

"It is a big move, and initially it will be a bit of a wrench. But I have every intention now to give my best in the League game as I did when I played Rugby Union. It will take some time to settle down, but I am excited about it.

"From Welsh rugby's point of view it will give the selectors time to prepare a new scrum half for the challenge ahead, particularly with the World Cup in mind."

He will not move to Bradford immediately and it will be a case of commuting on Thursday for training and on Saturday for the Sunday game. In January, he and his wife will move to Bradford.

Asked what he liked about the game of Rugby League Holmes said: "It is very skillfull and entertaining. The three international matches against New Zealand produced some fine rugby and I find the League game very appealing."

He will not have to wait long for his debut, Seabourne, Northern coach, said: "Terry will play for us at Swinton on Sunday, though I have not yet made up my mind whether it will be a full game or part of a game as substitute. I rate him as a great all-round rugby player who should soon adapt to Rugby Leage. He is a distributor, leader, link man and cover-tackler all rolled into one."

Stamper, the club's sponsor and a director, commented: "We first interviewed Terry two years ago and then it lay dormant for a while. A few weeks ago I approached him again and this time he was ready to sign. This man will be good for Bradford Northern on and off the field. He is a tremendous personality and character, and has total credibility in the eyes of young players."

Bradford Northern, one of the leading sides in Rugby League during the past decade, are having one of their worst seasons and are currently bottom of the first division. They are looking to Holmes to trigger a quick rise up the table.

Holmes played five times for the Welsh Youth between 1974 and 1976. He made his Cardiff debut in March, 1975, and was first capped for the senior Welsh team on the tour to Australia in 19798. He went on to win 25 caps in all. But for injury he could well have earned another 12. During his time for Wales, he scored 123. He appeared in three cup finals for his club in 1981, 1982 and 1984. Last year he captained the club to their first invincible home season in 37 years, when he also was captain of the Welsh team.



Barrie Stamper (right), Bradford Northern's sponsor, welcomes Terry Holmes

Leader who carried the hopes of his nation

By Gerald Davies

Carwyn James had outstanding perception in regard to the personalities as well as the skills of rugby players of the kind other coaches might envy. If he were with us now, he might, along with his other talents, be accorded the benefit of acute foresight, too. In 1982, he wrote: "I can see Terry Holmes as the star of American football, a quarter back of the calibre of Joe Montana, of the San Francisco Fortyniners. Equally, the Reg Bowden, of Rugby League, the former Widnes scrum half, who took Fulham to the first division in one season. Holmes, I have no doubt, could be the greatest star in Rugby League, and were he on the market, and I sincerely hope that he isn't, he could be the first £100,000 signing."

His anticipation of events, and the implied fears of what such a loss would make to Welsh rugby, have now come to pass. From now on, we shall see whether his other expectation that the great star of the Union will transfer easily and with equal success to a different code. Not that Holmes put himself on the market – indeed, he has had many a troubled thought about the matter over the past three weeks – but Bradford Northern, by their own admission, have been implacably persistent. While the actual signing-on fee may not quite reach that six-figure sum – though it is close enough – his likely future remuneration could well exceed it.

Terry Holmes played his first international match on the Welsh tour to Australia in 1978. As the then third-choice scrum half at Cardiff, he made the tour for Wales in the absence of Gareth Edwards, who was unavailable. Brynmor Williams, the second choice in Cardiff, played in the first international in Brisbane, Holmes took over for for the second in Sydney. And it is a spot that, apart from cruel misfortune through injury, he has made his own ever since.

If after the retirement of his great and influential predecessor there were justifiable fears of future Welsh weakness in that position, then Holmes dispelled them. He was out of a similar mould. Taller, though, than Edwards, and of similar weight, he had the same dynamic power and energy close to the opposition line. Both were strong and athletic. Whereas Edwards's game was more assured, more studied, and with a mind more finely tuned to the tempo of the game, Holmes showed a restless vitality in other aspects of the game and other quarters of the field. Holmes exerted an enormous impact on any game in which he played. He induced fear, frustration and hopeless inadequacy in the most well-prepared of back row forwards. Sadly for him with so few players of similar calibre around him, he had to carry most of his nation's hopes on his shoulders almost throughout his career.

Much to his disappointment he was often labelled as a ninth forward, but this diminished his immense contribution in the same way that he could not simply be regarded as a scrum half. He was a rugby player who happened to play in that particular position.

This overall commitment to any one match as well as to the number of games he played took its toll and may have contributed ultimately to his catalogue of injuries. He rarely trimmed or modified his skills to a specific unlimited role. He played each game instinctively as if it were his last.

Unlike so many players of stature, Holmes did not need the full-throated roar of a loud auditorium to inspire him. His desire to play and his enthusiasm for the game would make him content even in a park, with only the proverbial uninterested one man and his wandering dog for observers. Calm Richmond or some other leafy and laid back provincial suburb would benefit as much from his performance as would the clamorous and glamorous centre stage of the Arms Park and elsewhere.

Those in the southern hemisphere, however, will have to trust, largely the reports or the filmed record as evidence of his dynamic force and footballing ability. Twice with the Lions, in South Africa in 1980 and New Zealand in 1983, injuries to his shoulder and then to his knee, left him languishing for months unsure of his return to the game he did so much to adorn. But return he did, much against expectation.

In the words of the Cardiff folk group, the Hennesseys, he is Cardiff born and Cardiff bred. Although some way back his family was of Irish stock, the long drawn-out vowels so peculiar of the city's accent, made him unmistakably Cardiffian. Curiously, in view of his club's long history, he is one of the few from within the city limits to make it to the national rugby team. The Cardiff crowd welcomed him heartily, not – with so many infiltrators from the valleys and the west – in the polite, cordial way a host does his guest, but rather as a cherished son in the bosom of his family. He had not remotely considered playing for any other club.

In all the words that have already been written about him, emphasis has been laid as much on the generous spirit of his personality as on his undoubted rugby talents. He is a man universally liked. As one of the very few players currently playing in these islands of genuine world class, he will be an immense loss to the Union game, on and off the field, inside and outside of Wales,

Joining distinguished line

By Keith Macklin

Terry Holmes follows a distinguished line of great Welsh internationals who have joined Rugby League clubs with distinction during the past 20 years.

The most famous is David Watkins, who captained Wales before moving to Salford, where he set up an individual seasonal goal-scoring record of 221. The all-conquering St Helens pack of the late 60s and early 70s contained two famous Welsh forwards in Kelvin Coslett and John Mantle, while Glyn Shaw, another powerful forward, won every medal available in Rugby League during his time with Widnes in the late 70s and early 80s.

When Cardiff had their ill-starred and short-lived period in the Rugby League they signed Tommy David, Paul Ringer, Steve Fenwick and Brynmor Williams, but they never struck the heights in league that they had attained in union.

The biggest disappointment, largely because of injury, was Keith Jarrett who joined Barrow two season after his sensational debut for Wales against England as a teenager at Cardiff Arms Park. Jarrett was dogged by injury and Barrow never felt they received the reward for their investment. Jarrett ended his Rugby League career with a short, unsuccessful spell at Wigan.

SQASH RACKETS

England fall to hidden powers of Qaiser

From Colin McQuillan
Cairo

England's attempt to win the world team championship foundered in the first match of yesterday's semi-final here when Hiddy Jahan, the most experienced man in the national squad, squandered match point at 8-0 in his fourth game against Sohail Qaiser, of Pakistan, then gained only two more points in surrendering the rest of the crucial third-string match.

Pakistan have sent a new young squad here, led by the undefeated world champion, Jahangir Khan. Every team plays them knowing it is the second and third strings, Umar Hayat Khan, Qaiser or Jansher Khan, who must be beaten. Jahan's brief yesterday, knowing that first-string Gawain Briars was headed for certain defeat, was to beat Qaiser to set up Philip Kenyon for the decisive win against Umar Hayat. Only Briars fulfilled his role in this scenario.

Brought in as a late replacement for the injured Geoff Williams, the 35-year-old Jahan, a former Pakistani, advanced to match point with wonderful, wiley play. He won the first game 9-6 with a series of crashingly backhand kills launched unexpectedly from a background of slow-paced rallying. The second game slipped away from him 4-9 as Qaiser recognized the limits of his opponent's slower court coverage. The third game was balefully retrieved 9-2 after Qaiser dared to strike a drive dangerously around Jahan's body. Some of the lets and penalty strokes went fortunately England's way in the fourth, but Jahan's luck was reinforced by committed running.

When Qaiser tinned a forehand drive to surrender match point at 8-0, the Pakistani called loudly apon Allah to help him. He then won the next 15 points in succession, dropped a point at 4-0 and another at 8-1.

Two hours later Jahn was still unable to accept what had happened. "I have never before lost from 8-0. Never in my whole career," he said. "I wanted this win so much. We could have taken the championship if we had beaten Pakistan. I have let the rest of the boys down so badly.

"It could have been so different if I had won," Jahan admitted. "I thought it was in the bag, perhaps I was over-confident. I still thought it was mine when I hit several attempted winners into the tin. Then I went negative and Sohail played so much better."

Briars went on immediately after to play a splendid emterprising first game before fading 9-7, 9-1, 9-1 to Jahangir. Kenyon fell quickly 9-4, 9-4, 9-2 to Umar Hayat in another of the disappointing performances which have marked his trip to Egypt.

SEMI-FINALS: Pakistan bt England 3-0 (Pakistan names first: Bonetl Qaiser bt Hiddy Jahan, 6-9, 9-4, 2-9, 10-8, 9-2; Jahangir Khan bt G Briars, 9-7, 9-1, 9-1; Umar Hayat Khan bt P Kenyon, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2.

BADMINTON

Padukone pulls out of Tokyo grand prix event

Tokyo (Reuter) – Prakash Padukone, of India, has withdrawn from next week's grand prix championship finals here, and will be replaced by Hastomo Arbi, of Indonesia. The Japan Badminton Association said yesterday Prakash, who earlier replaced the All-England champion, Zhao Jianhua, of China, had pulled out for personal reasons. The five-day event starts on December 11.

Arbi, who finished joint seventeenth in the grand prix final standings with 565 points, is the fourteenth qualifier in a list headed by Morten Frost, of Denmark, with 1,690 points.

BOXING

Bruno must keep his chin out of range if he is to beat Frazier

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno should once again take another confident step towards a world title bout tonight at the Albert Hall. This prediction is made, however, with the proviso that Bruno is not caught solidly on the chin twice in quick succession and that Larry Frazier, his opponent is not spry enough at 36 years of age to leap about the ring.

Bruno's aversion to a punch on the chin is well known since it was first exposed by Jumbo Cummings who stunned him rigid two years ago with a right hand. Bruno's then vulnerability was painfully confirmed against Bonecrusher Smith who knocked him out in the tenth round last year.

But what was most alarming was a moment of confusion when caught by Anders Eklund had not even looked capable of licking a Dundee jar of marmalade.

With thousands of pounds resting on Bruno's chin, a world title bout around the corner and those three bouts for his backers, it is reasonably safe to assume that Frazier is not nearly as dangerous the "Crusher".

If Bruno's original opponent for this contest, Larry Alexander, had not suddenly been found to have an abnormality on his brain scan and sent home, we may have found out more about Bruno's defensive capabilities.

Alexander was trained by Hohnny Persol, who had a hand in Bonecrusher's preparation and both Persol and Alexander were eager to apply the "Crusher" crusher and move into the top ten at Bruno's expense. Frazier, late repalcement, still suffering from jet lag, as a result of his flight from the west coast of America, does not seem at his age to be consumed with ambition, though that is not to say that he would not seize the chance if offered it on a plate. He is oft 4in and 1o stone plus, but he is slow and ponderous and looks just the sort of opponent Bruno should be able to tee up. After a couple of wekk-placed shots from Bruno, Frazier may find his years tugging at him.

Frazier, who was let out last December from Soledad maximum security prison, after serving two years of his three-year sentence for assaulting a police officer, has only had three contests since leaving prison. He has lost two of those bouts, one of them to Alexamder. But it must be said he was 17 stone 7 lbs then.

He has worked with top boxers from Foreman to Holmes and in 1973 he knocked out Mike Weaver, who later became world champion, and in 1980 he stopped Jeff Sims, the present World Boxing Council No 5.

"I still have a punch," he says, which leaves a whole lot unsaid and if by his own admission his hedonistic life style is anything to go by, his legs may not be there to see him out of trouble.

European title to be defended by Kalule

Ancona, Italy (Reuter) – Ayub Kalule, of Denmark, will defend his European middleweight title against Italy's Ali Sambu Kalambay here on December 19, it was announced yesterday.

The European Boxing Union (EBU) said in Rome it knew the bout was programmed and it would probably be authorized, but the formalities had not yet been completed.

Ugandan-born Kalule, aged 31, a former world amateur champion, was the World Boxing Association (WBA) light-middleweight champion until his defeat by Sugar Ray Leonard in 1981. Kalambay, aged 29, born in Zaire, is the Italian light-middleweight champion, and has lost only one of his 40 professional encounters.

Derbez dies

Mexico City (Reuter) – A Mexican welter-weight, Gerado Derbez, has died after being in a coma since Friday when he was knocked out by Jorge Vaca in the national championships at Guadalajara.

Reeson's date

Sam Reeson, of Battersea, the British cruiserweight champion, meets his first international opponent, Rubin Williams, from San Francisco, at the Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea, on Monday.

FOOTBALL

Overworked Mills takes a break from Stoke

The Stoke City player-manager, Mick Mills, took a break from the game yesterday on the instructions of his assistant, Sammy Chung. The former Wolves manager, worried that Mills was working too hard, has taken charge while Mills enjoys a few days away from the club.

Chung said: "Mick has been trying to do too much. He is fitting in all the manager's duties as well as keeping up his training." A year ago Mills's predecessor, Bill Asprey, was taken ill at the club and ordered by doctors to rest for three weeks with physical and mental exhaustion.

● Billy Hamilton, the Oxford United and Northern Ireland forward, has resumed training after undergoing a second cartilage operation. He broke down with a recurrence of a knee injury in August after playing in United's opening three Canon League games and his manager, Maurice Evans, thinks he could be playing again by the end of the month.

Evans said: "Billy has made good progress since the splint was taken off two weeks ago. He has a tremendous incentive to do well with Northern Ireland qualifying for the World Cup next year and his presence will be a big boost to us."

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CRICKET

Spinner's day is at hand

Rawalpindi, Pakistan (Reuter) – Spinners are expected to come into their own in the fourth one-day cricket match between Pakistan and West Indies today. Pakistan will be banking heavily on their spinners, Abdul Qadir and Tauseef Ahmad when they try to draw level in the five-match series. Roger Harper, the West Indies' off-spinner, could also be his side's outstanding player on the bare pitch.

Qadir was chosen as man-of-the-match for his impressive bowling in Pakistan's win in the second international, but he will need more support from his fielders who let their bowlers down badly in the third match in Peshawar earlier in the week. The Pakistanis concentrated on their fielding at net practice yesterday, while the West Indies players were content merely to inspect the pitch, which is expected to play well early in the match but then take spin increasingly, so favouring the side that bats first.

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Unexpected chance for Carr

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England will make three successive visits to Australia between now and 1988: they have accepted an invitation to send a team to Sydney next March to compete in an international sevens tournament, they have been drawn in the same group as Australia in pool one of the world tournament in 1987, and they are due to make a short tour there in 1988.

The second of those fixtures, of course, looms largest in the eyes of players and selectors. The draw for the inaugural tournament for the Webb Ellis Trophy was announced in London yesterday by John Kendall-Carpenter, chairman of the International Board's world tournament management committee; England, the country for whom he played, is drawn in pool one with Australia, Japan (whose leading players have already been asked to rest until October with the world tournament in mind) and the United States.

Ireland, the five nations champions, are in pool two with Wales, Canada and Tonga; pool three contains New Zealand, regarded as the top seeds, Argentina, Italy and Fiji; and the fourth pool leaves Scotland contending with France, Romania and Zimbabwe in what may be the closest fought round-robin series.

Each pool will produce a winner and runner-up who will play the runner-up and winner in the next group in the quarter-finals. Thus, should England come second in pool one and Wales win pool two, they will meet in the knockout stage. The first round of matches are due to be played on or around May 23, 1987, and the final will be on June 20 in Auckland.

World Cup draw

POOL A: Australia, England, Japan, US.
POOL B: Canada, Ireland, Tonga, Wales.
POOL C: Argentina, Fiji, Italy, New Zealand.
POOL D: France, Romania, Scotland, Zimbabwe.

Tactfully the management committee have not seeded beyond three. They have worked on the basis that New Zealand rank just ahead of Australia with France a close third; current form suggests Argentina rank fourth, ahead of Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland in that order, but the committee appreciates there may be changes in relative strengths over the next 18 months.

They have also taken into account results over the past five years during which, for instance, England won a two-match series in Argentina. The allotment of the remaining countries has depended on keeping natural neighbours such as Fiji and Tonga apart as much as any ranking list.

All 16 countries will assemble in Auckland on May 17, 1987, for some form of opening ceremony before dispersing to their various centres, though venues have yet to be decided. It is hoped they will be known after the next meeting of the Australian and New Zealand organizing committee in Wellington on December 21. The indications are that pool one will play all their games in Australia, the others in New Zealand, though one of the remaining pools may be required to play at least once in Australia to sustain the balance of matches between the host countries.

The quarter-finals (though this remains to be confirmed) will be equally divided between the two countries; both semi-finals will be played in Australia and the final in New Zealand, who will also stage the third-place play-off. Games will be handled by a panel of 14 referees comprising the best two from each of the seven competing IB countries, with the host countries providing back-up.

Matches may be played on any day of the week, including Sundays, and possibly under lights, though not at quirky times of night purely for the convenience of television. Nevertheless, West Nally, the marketing agents, are confident that they will meet the sponsorship target of $6m (about £4.25m) which does not include gate money. Preliminary research indicates considerable interest in north America as well as from the traditional rugby nations and Japan.

Scotland will receive an indication of the strength of Romania (to whom they lost last year) when they play in Bucharest on March 29. Derrick Grant, their new coach, suggested there might be a problem of adaptability if a country had to play in both Australia and New Zealand, though a squad of 26 players would leave scope for a "horses for courses" policy.

England's chance to view the ground next March was decided upon by the Rugby Football Union when they accepted an invitation to participate in the opening of the new Sydney Concord ground. Air Commodore Bob Weighnill, the secretary, emphasized that it was a good will gesture which was considered as a "one-off", although the Australian Rugby Union has envisaged simiar tournaments in 1987 and 1988. The last time England fielded a national VII was in Scotland in 1973 – when they won.

Freedom for individuals to visit S Africa

By David Hands

The key to the next step in South Africa's rugby trek, now that next year's British Lions tour has been cancelled, may be in a comment by Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, who said: "With the permission of their home unions, the freedom of individual rugby players to come to South Africa remains."

Before this season began players in Britain had received preliminary inquiries about the possibility of forming an invitation tour party to act as a warm-up for the Lions tour. Now that the Lions have left the scene – their next scheduled tour is Australia in 1989 – those enquiries may harden.

Theuns Stofberg, the Springbok captain, said: "International rugby is what it is all about and I just hope something or anything is organized for us. This is imperative." The SARB organized an internal tour last summer, when the planned visit by New Zealand fell through, but there is a limit to the interest or purpose of such domestic arrangements.

Before the decision to withold the tour invitation to the Lions, the attitude of British players, broadly speaking, fell into three categories: those who would go to South Africa, those who would not for reasons of the principle and those who would not because of the fear that they would be targets of guerilla warfare.

Nothing has changed in that respect which is why, what ever "inducements" South Africa may offer, the difficulty remains about raising an invitation side. What Dr Craven has referred to as "the image painted by the television media" of his country may not be the whole truth but it is a picture now firmly imprinted on the minds of outsiders.

Leading British players remain keen on the concept of a Lions tour elsewhere. Colin Deans, the Scotland hooker, has suggested that British rugby needs the lift a Lions tour should provide (though the last one, in 1983, fell a long way short of doing so) and David Pickering, a candidate as Wales's next captain, expressed the hope that some tour could be arranged. But leading administrators offer little cause for optimism; whatever else 1986 may be remembered for, it is unlikely now to go down as a Lions year.

Tour decision boosts Games appeal

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr Robert Gray, yesterday handed over £150,000 in cash to the organisers of next year's Edinburgh Commonwealth Games. The presentation in Glasgow, came the day after the treat of a boycott of the games had ended when the South African Rugby Board called off the proposed British Lion's tour.

Mr Gray said that if the tour had gone ahead there would have been "every likehood" that Glasgow's contribution would have been cancelled.

Ken Borthwick, the games chairman, said that two international companies who had been trying to decide whether to make donations to the Games appeal fund had been in touch with him yesterday and will be "sizeable contributors on a sponsorship basis."

Almost £1 million has been raised by the appeal fund – more than half has been given bu 46 of Scotland's district and regional authorities.

The Games appeal chairman, Len Young, said he was almost two-thirds of the way towards his target of £1.5 million and he was confident the total would be reached in good time for the Games.

Jones boy in top

Steve Jones, winner of the London and Chicago marathons, was last night named Welsh sports personality of 1985. He was runner up to Ian Rush, of Liverpool, last year.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NEW YORK: National League (NFL): Miami Dolphins 38, Chicago Bears 24.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK: National Association (NBA): Utah Jazz 103, Golden State Warriors 100.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 7, Vancouver Canucks 0; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, New York Rangers 0.

SNOOKER

SOLIHULL: Dulux British Open: Second round: D Fowler bt T Chappel 5-4; P Browne bt S Hendry 5-0; T Jones bt J O'Boye 5-3; G Miles bt D B Agrawal (India) 5-4; J Hargreaves bt R Edmonds 5-3; J Donnelly bt C Wilkinson (Aus) 5-4; G Jenkins (Aus) bt J Meadowcroft 5-2; P Medati bt C Everton 5-1; B West bt E McLaughlin 5-2; C Roscoe bt S Mikkelsen (Can) 5-4; D Sheahan bt M Watterson walkover; D Gilbert bt M Morra (Can) 5-3; P Fagan bt J Fitzmaurice 5-4; J Wych (Can) bt J Van Rensburgh (SA) 5-0; P Francisco (SA) bt S Foulds 5-2; S Longworth bt P Houlihan 5-3; M Bradley bt J Reid (Cheadle) 5-1; S Duggan bt T Murphy 5-1.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 0, Ipswich 1; Norwich 6, Millwall 0.
GOLA LEAGUE: Northwich Victoria 0, Kettering 0; Nuneaton 1, Enfield 5.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Chelsea 2, Bristol Rovers 4; Huddersfield 2, Sheffield Wednesday 3; Newcastle 3, Barnsley 1; Northampton 1, Port Vale 1; Staines 2, Watford 3.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich Hamlet 1, Yeovil 1.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: Aston Villa 3, Southend 3 (aet).

TENNIS

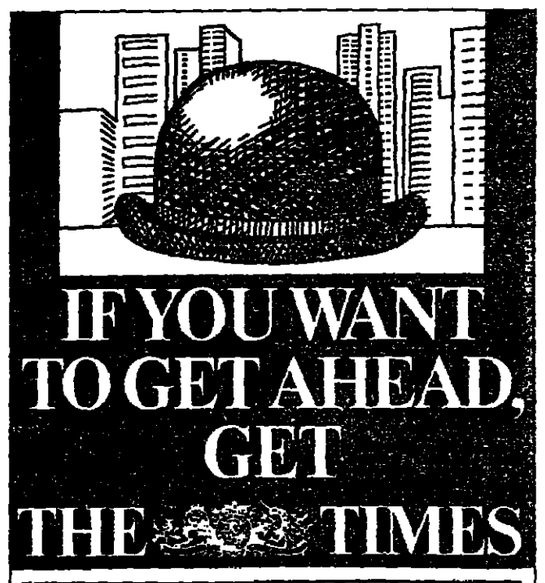
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Directors quit

The Middlesbrough directors, the vice chairman, Mike McCullagh and Peter Cook, have resigned over the club's proposed £1 million share issue. McCullagh, a former club chairman, and Cook, said the plan had not been fully investigated and a public announcement was premature.

Powell operation

Steve Powell, Derby County's long-serving player, who has not played a League game since April, has had his hopes of a comeback dashed by a second cartilage operation in seven months. Powell, aged 30, who made more than 420 senior appearances since his debut at 16, has been affected by a string of injuries this season.



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TENNIS: BRITON SHOWS NEW STRENGTH AND STEADINESS AS HE DISPOSES OF SEVENTH-SEEDED SWEDE

Lloyd muscles in to reap the weighty rewards of pumping iron

From Richard Evans
Melbourne

In a match that quickened the pulse and caused havoc with the nerves of his supporters John Lloyd, of Britain, fought back from 0–3 in the fifth set to reach the quarter-final of the Australian Open championships with a 6–2, 1–6, 6–4, 6–7, 6–4 victory over Joakim Nystrom, of Sweden, who is seeded seventh here and eleventh in the world. Lloyd had never before beaten such a highly ranked player in a grand slam championship: nor has he looked so strong and so determined at crucial moments of an important match.

In his other life, before he realized what professional tennis was all about, Lloyd reached the final here at Kooyong in 1977, losing to Vitas Gerulaitis. He is 31 now and, with the encouragement of his wife and his coach, Bob Brett, he has hauled himself back from 387 on that uncompromising computer.

Having reached the quarter-finals of the grand slam events twice in the last 15 months – he did so at the United States Open in 1984 – Lloyd is proving to himself and the world that an athlete can still be on the upward slope as he enters his thirties and that there is no telling where sheer hard work will get you.

Weight training in the gymnasium lay the foundation for this victory. "A few years ago I couldn't have served like I served today in the fifth set," Lloyd said. "The ball would have barely trickled over the net. But as a professional athlete you are supposed to be strong and I bitterly regret not having realized that when I was young. You could say I should have worked it out for myself but the fact is that there was a complete lack of knowledge about physical training in England when I was growing up. It was pathetic."

Whether Lloyd will be able to make further progress here remains to be seen because it is likely that he will face Ivan Lendl in the next round. Lendl's match with Christo Steyn was delayed by the rain which interrupted Lloyd's match and will be played today.

Melbourne (Reuter) – John McEnroe, of the United States, was fined US$1,050) yesterday for swearing at a spectator during his match with Henri Leconte here on Monday. Since McEnroe's US$1,250 fine for an outburst during his second-round match against Danie Visser, of South Africa, last Friday took him over the $7,500 limit, he will be suspended for 21 days after the tournament.

Nothing can detract from the excellence of this performance against one of the most implacable of the Swedes. As soon as Lloyd lost control of the second set it became clear that this encounter was going to be close.

Lloyd had done well to return to the court, after a long delay for rain, at 5–2 in the first set and quickly held his service. He broke in the first game of the second, too, but a couple of rushed volleys let Nystrom into the match and soon the long-legged Swede was tossing lobs over Lloyd's head and passing superbly off his double-fisted backhand.

The British player did well to reassert himself in the third and seemed to be heading for victory when he led 4–2 in the fourth set tie-break. But another of those well-disguised lobs, followed by two big serves, enabled Nystrom to snatch it from him by seven points to four.

At 0–3 down in the fifth Lloyd admitted to feeling a moment's despair. But he quickly reminded himself that they had been breaking each other's serve all match and promptly went out and won four consecutive games with brave net-rushing tactics behind heavily sliced backhand approach shots.

The sudden pressure seemed to rattle the Swede but at 3–4 down he struck back again to break Lloyd's service with two superb cross-court backhands. For the third and final time in the set Lloyd went after Nystrom's service and retaliated with stinging backhand ripostes of his own. Serving for the match at 5–4, Lloyd did not waver. Pumping iron can bring its own rewards.

Michael Schapers, the Dutchman who defeated Boris Becker, rode his luck all the way into the last eight when Tim Gullikson defaulted with a shoulder injury.

In the women's singles the semi-final line-up will have Mrs Lloyd facing Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Martina Navratilova playing Hana Mandlikova. In stark contrast to last year, when Helena Sukova beat her, Miss Navratilova overwhelmed the Czechoslovak 6–2, 6–2.

Men's singles
FOURTH ROUND: J Lloyd (GB) bt J Nystrom (Swe) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; S Edberg bt W Masur (Aus) 6-7, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt Tim Wilkison (US) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Schapers (Neth) bt Tim Gullickson (US) 7-6, default.

Mens Doubles
THIRD ROUND: B Becker (WG) and S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt J Bates (GB) and A Mansdorf (Is) 6-4, 6-4; M Dickson (USA) and Tim Wilkison (USA) Bt J Canter (USA) and L Lavelle (Mex) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Women's singles
QUARTER-FINALS: M Navratilova (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; C Lloyd (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-3, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt C Lindqvist (Swe) 6-4 6-0; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt Z Garrison (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Womens Doubles
QUARTER-FINALS: M Navratilova and Pam Shriver (US) bt M Mesker (Neth) and P Paradis (Fr) 6-4, 6-2.



Strong as a John Bull: Lloyd charges in with a stinging backhand riposte to Nystrom

FOOTBALL

Familiar efficiency from a rather less familiar Liverpool

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool.....2
Tottenham Hotspur.....0

Liverpool last night strolled into the semi-finals of the Screen Sport Super Cup, with a performance that was as tidy and as efficient as usual.

Liverpool's line-up was less familiar than usual. Some 13 hours before his Scottish colleagues were due to play their World Cup tie on the other side of the globe, Kenny Dalglish perhaps diplomatically decided to omit himself again even though McMahon had strained a hamstring and was missing for the first time since arriving from Aston Villa.

But within about 20 minutes the two new boys that Dalglish introduced for the first time this term had made a significant mark. Lee, surprisingly preferred above Whelan, had set up the first chance in a game that was to overflow with opportunities and MacDonald, McMahon's replacement, had claimed his opening goal at Anfield.

It was simple enough, a flick inside the near post from Johnston's chip. So was Liverpool's second goal a quarter of an hour later, though the scorer is the possessor of a more established rate of striking, Walsh, who could not have been left more free to greet Hansen's cross, headed in his eleventh goal in 11 games.

With Molby in dazzling form and revelling in the relatively lighthearted atmosphere, Liverpool might have added several more even before the interval.

Tottenham, though dominated for lengthy periods and at times forced into ungainly defensive clearances, were not averse to adventure themselves. Midway through the first half Waddle bemused Nicol before striking the foot of the far post. The rebound embarrassed both the Allens. One, Paul, miscued and the other, Clive, pulled his attempt wide.

If the players appeared to treat the cup tie as a friendly outing, the managers seemed to approach it as an experimental exercise. Tottenham brought on two substitutes at the start of the second half and, although Ardiles should immediately have reduced the deficit, Wark was guilty of failing to increase it soon after coming on for Molby.

Such incidents, which would have occurred amid thunderous noise during the visits of Chelsea and Manchester United last week, raised no more than faint suggestions of applause from the sparsely populated terraces. The competition, embracing the most successful sides in the country, continues to be treated with stunning apathy by the public.

The crowd, not unexpectedly, was a mere 14,855, by far the lowest so far at Anfield. The League match here at the beginning of September attracted an audience of 44,000 and 13 years ago, when the two sides met six times in the one season, they were watched by a total of more than 266,000 spectators.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; S Nicol, J Beglin, M Lawrenson, S Lee, A Hansen, P Walsh, C Johnston, I Rush, J Molby, K MacDonald.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence, G Stevens, C Hughton; G Roberts, G Mabbutt, S Perryman, P Allen, M Falco, C Allen, G Hodde, C Waddle.
Referee: G Alpin (Cumbria).

Argentine David to face Italian Goliath

Beunos Aires, (Reuter) – The multi-million dollar transfer of Diego Maradona to Barcelona has lifted Argentinos Juniors from the threat of relegation to a world club title clash with mighty Juventus of Italy in just four years. Argentinos Juniors, winners of the South American Libertadores Cup, meet the European champions in Tokyo on Sunday for the world club championship.

But when Maradona was on loan to Boca Juniors in 1981, the unfashionable little Buenos Aires club fought to avoid relegation from the Argentine first division. More than half of the eight million dollar fee (about £5,600,000) Barcelona is still paying for Maradona – who has since moved to Napoli – has been making its way into the Agentinos Juniors coffers, the rest going to Boca and Maradona himself.

Careful investment has seen Argentinos build a team capable of beating South America's best, including more famous sides like Independiente reigning world champions, on their way to the continental title.

Argentinos, founded in 1904, transferred Pedro Pasculli, the striker, to Lecce in Italy in June for $600,000 (about £420,000). Argentinos earned the right to play for the Libertadores Cup by winning last year's national championship while competing in the early stages of the cup.

Their continued success earned a national team call for two young hopes who, like Maradona, were groomed by the club from their early teens, Sergio Batista a midfield player, and Claudio Borghi, a forward.

Argentinos most famous player, however, is Jorge Olguin, a centre back and a member of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning side. Olguin said he was confident Argentinos, who play a fast and skilful attacking brand of soccer with Jose Castro and Carlos Ereros, two wingers, could beat Juventus on their day.

Argentinos, promoted to the first division in 1954, seemed doomed forever to be also-rans until they discovered Maradona, who made his debut at the age of 16 in 1976. He helped the side finish second to River Plate in the 1980 first division race.

Without Maradona, Argentinos were ordinary. Now they are a balanced team and their players enjoy the security of being among the country's best paid. And they are always on time – something rare in Argentine football today.

Barring injuries they will line up as follows: E Vidalle; C Villalba, J Pavoni, J Olguin, A Domenech (captain), E Commisso, S Batista, M Videla, J Castro, C Borghi, C Ereros.

Mini-games plan for World Cup finals

Zurich (Reuter) – Play-off matches lasting 30 minutes may be introduced at next year's World Cup in Mexico to decide the last four second-round places, Joseph Blatter, the FIFA general secretary, has said that short games might be used to avoid "the luck of the draw" in determining the quartet to complete the 16 qualifiers from the first-round groups.

The first two teams in each of the six groups will qualify automatically. The current plan calls for the remaining places to be filled by the next best teams, judged firstly by the number of points they have scored in the first round. If the points total does not prove decisive, goal difference and then goals scored will decide. If none of these criteria can separate two or more candidates for the second round, a draw will be held to decide which team or teams qualify.

Blatter hoped that by scheduling both games in each group at the same time on a particular day would eliminate the kind of contrived results that have marred recent World Cup finals. "But we in FIFA are optimists and depend in the final analysis on the goodwill of the participants in the interests of the game.

Italy, leading group A, will be based in Puebla, while Mexico will play all their group B matches at noon local time in the capital's Aztec stadium. Brazil, in group D, are expected to be housed in Guadalajara; France (group C) will be in Leon; West Germany (group E) in Queretaro; and Poland (group F) in Monterrey.

The 36 first-round matches will span 14 days, with the second round from June 15 to 18, the quarter-finals on June 21 and 22, and the semi-finals in Guadalajara's Jalisco ground and the Aztec stadium three days later. The final is on June 29 in the Aztec.

Second-round matches will be played on a knock-out basis.

Irish offer salary of £50,000

The Republic of Ireland will pay £50,000 a year to the man who takes over as manager of their national team, Brian Clough, of Nottingham Forest, is on their list. He is also wanted by Wales. Several other first division men will be interviewed this week. Although Johnny Giles, who has held the job before is another contender, the new manager will not necessarily have to have Irish connections.

The successor to Eoin Hand, whose five-and-a-half-year reign ended when his contract expired last month, will be appointed on a full-time basis and will not be allowed to hold a club post as well.

Despite the quality of their players, the Republic have never reached the final stages of either the World Cup or the European Championship. The Football Association of Ireland are planning the raise £2.7 million from a three-year national lottery and, give Irish football a thorough shake-up. £250,000 has been earmarked for the national team and there are plans for a football centre.

YACHTING

Tabarly's keel change costs him four days

By Barry Pickthall

Cote d'Or, the Belgian maxi skippered by Eric Tabarly of France and which is competing in the Whitbread Round the World race, was yesterday handed down a 97hr 56min 38sec penalty by the race committee on the eve of the second leg of this race to Auckland after its keel was changed during the month-long stopover in Cape Town.

Tabarly had claimed that the change to a lighter design keel was part of the repairs necessary for the yacht after it had been damaged during a storm on the later stages of the first leg from Portsmouth, but this was not upheld by the committee.

However, much to the expected chagrin of other competitors who had pressed for the Belgian yacht to be disqualified if her skipper failed to retire from the first leg, this four-day penalty will be added only to her final elapsed time when the race finishes back at Portsmouth next May, leaving the maxi free to race boat-to-boat against the six others in her division, over the remaining three legs.

The strong south-easterly wind which is now lashing the Cape, has prevented Simon Le Bon's British maxi, Drum, from being remeasured following the extensive repair carried out in Cape Town. She will, however, be allowed to continue using her original rating, subject to remeasurement on arrival in Auckland.

British multi-hulls do well

By John Nicholls

For the first time British multi-hulls were well-placed at the end of a season's world championships. Robin Knox-Johnston's British Airways was the overall winner of class II in the Association of International multi-hull Skippers' championship which comprised six off shore and inshore events.

Organized and usually dominated by the French, the series is for three classes and in the 60-ft class this year there were three British boats in the first four places.

Alain Petit Etienne, of France, finished second to Knox-Johnston's in Region de Picardie, then came Tony Bullimore in Apricot and Don Wood in Red Star.

Class I was a tie between Philippe Jeantot (France) in Credit Agricole and Mike Birch (Canada) in Formule Tag, with Loic Peyron (France) winning Class II in Lada Poch.

ORIENTEERING

GLC paves way for wheelchairs

By Ivo Tennant

The first orienteering course for the disabled is to be opended at Abbey Wood, on the outskirts of south-east London, in the spring. It is being designed over the least undulating of the park's 375 acres.

Abbey Wood is one of 10 parks in Greater London in which course have been laid for orienteering, or "wayfaring" as casual orienteering is known. The routes for the disabled will be opened before the disbandment of the GLC on March 31.

The course will be devised over the smoothest of terrain in order to accommodate wheelchairs.

Orienteering is effectively exploration, getting from A to B with the aid of a compass and a map. This is not as simple as it sounds, for controls are cunningly set out so that it is difficult to move in a straight line. The disabled person can be as effective as an experienced runner. "Cunning" is a word which crops up frequently in orienteering.

Although not an Olympic sport and not well-publicised, orienteering grows in popularity each year. Participation in Britain, where there are 150 clubs, is up by 21 per cent each year.

Interest is growing in the courses permanently laid out in the GLC parks. In the year since the one at Abbey Wood was opened, more than 1,000 people have taken part.

"If courses for disabled people are to work, we must ensure they are suitable," said Roy Mason, general secretary of the British Orienteering Federation. "It will help the disabled in self-confidence and self-reliance out of doors. Self-respect is as vital as team spirit".

OLYMPIC GAMES

Boycott clauses delay signing of NBC contract

Seoul (Agencies) – For formal signing of a contract awarding the United States television network, NBC, rights to the 1988 Olympic Games is unlikely to take place in Lausanne on Friday as scheduled. The hold-up, according to officials of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee (SLOOC) is because NBC are demanding a reparation clause as protection against any boycott.

NBC, whose unique "profit-sharing" bid was accepted in early October, want guarantees that their fee would be reduced if the Games schedules are changed drastically or if a significant number of countries do not participate. The network are also believed to be seeking a clause guaranteeing repayment in full of all contract money plus production expenses in the event of a boycott by the United States or if the Games are not held.

SLOOC have offered repayment of the contract money only, a spokesman said. Apparently, there is also disagreement over television advertisers and the timing of some events.

● Park Chong-Kyu, the South Korean member of the International Olympic Committee, died of liver cancer yesterday, according to his relatives (Reuter reports). Park, who was 55, had played an important part in Seoul's successful bid to host the 1988 Olympic Games.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

Rosananti makes mark for Sheikh Mohammed

By a Special Correspondent

Sheikh Mohammed made his first main purchase at the Newmarket December Sales yesterday when paying 360,000 guineas for Rosananti. The six-year-old mare won the Italian 1,000 Guineas and is the only classic winner to be offered at public auction this year.

The only people involved in the bidding were Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall stud manager, Alec Notman and French agent Jean-Louis Branere. Notman said, "I thought she would make a lot more". She was bought as a possible mate for the Irish Derby winner Shareef Dancer, who stands at the Dalham Hall Stud.

Rosananti, who is by the Kentucky-based French 2,000 Guineas winner Blushing Groom is in foal to the sprinter Precocious, and has produced two colts by Thatching and Persepolis. Her dam Clarina is in foal to Shareef Dancer.

Two winning Mill Reef Fillies sent up from Ian Balding's Kingsclere stables proved popular. The agent Robin McCall gave 145,000 gns for the Haydock winner Tiber Creek, while the Hesmonds stud manager, the former jockey Jim McNaught, went to 135,000 gns to secure River Spey. The latter was an impressive winner of the listed Rochford Thompson Stakes at Newbury as a two-year-old, and was second in last season's Cheshire Oaks.

Another attractive mare sold during the day was Royal Opera, who made 155,000 gns, to the bid of Heron Bloodstock Services. Their agent John Corbett bought this three-year-old Sir Ivor mare, who is in foal to 2,000 Guineas winner Lomond, for a Lexington Kentucky breeder.

Mike Ryan, an Irish agent based in the United States went to 135,000 gns, for the seven year old mare Her Grace, on behalf of an undisclosed Kentucky breeder.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Blackburn trio selected

By George Chesterton

With most schools nearing the end of their football season, the successful Queen Elizabeth Grammar School side from Blackburn provide three of the Northern Schools team who play Southern Schools in their traditional end-of-term game at Wolverhampton on Sunday. They are Taylor, Watson and McNamara.

Facing them will be the high-scoring Wellingborough forward Isherwood, who was on target again when his team visited Chigwell. Wellingborough led 2-0, but Chigwell equalized by half-time and then capitalized on two rare defensive errors in the last 10 minutes to win 4-2.–

There were plenty of goals to celebrate in a high-speed encounter at Repton, who led Charterhouse 2-0 at half-time. Charterhouse pulled a goal back, but despite having much of the play in the later stages were never able to get on equal terms. Repton winning 3-2.

Charterhouse, however, gained some consolidation yesterday when two goals by Kerevan helped them to a 3-1 victory over Westminster in a game which lays claim to being the oldest football fixture between schools.

Repton travelled to Malvern for their final match, a sound team performance by the home side earning a 2-1 win. Malvern took the lead after 15 minutes when Hack scored from six yards following a cross from the right, but Repton equalized almost immediately with a fiercely struck free-kick. A firm shot by Douglas-Pennant gave Pyne in the Repton goal no chance for the winner.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS: G Dyer (Chigwell), R Butler (Forest), P Wood (Brentwood), J Forth (Hampton), N Bramley (KGS, Wilby), J Isherwood (Wellingborough), B Camparino (Victoria College, Jersey), C Barnes (Eton).

NORTHERN SCHOOLS: J Stelton (Shrewsbury), J Evans (Wolverhampton), T Jones (Kings, Chester), M Crawley (MGS), S Round (Bolton), P Allen (Wolverhampton), G Taylor (QEGS, Blackburn), N Watson (QEGS, Blackburn), D Wileggs (Bolton), C Zia (MGS), M Mohsamara (QEGS, Blackburn).

Scots make three changes

The Scotland manager, Alex Ferguson, made three changes in the side to face Australia in the second leg of the World Cup play-off in Melbourne today (kick-off 9am). Gough, Speedie and McStay come in for Strachan, Dalglish and Nicol, who all played in the first leg, which Scotland won 2-0 in Glasgow two weeks ago.

Australia replaced Watson, one of their three Scottish-born players, with the midfield player, Patikas, and the suspended defender O'Connor, with Dunn.

The match is to be screened live by Channel Four this morning.

AUSTRALIA: T Gready; A Davidson, G Jennings, C Yankos, D Ratcliffe, R Dunn, J Patikas, D Mitchell, J Koemina, K Murphy, O Crino.
SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); R Gough (Dundee United), M Malpas (Dundee United), G Souness (Sampdoria, capt), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), G Speedie (Chelsea), P McStay (Celtic), F McAvennie (West Ham United), R Aitken (Celtic), D Cooper (Rangers). Substitutes: A Rough (Hibernian), M Cooper (Aberdeen), M Macleod (Celtic), G Sharp (Everton), M Johnston (Celtic).

● Alex Ferguson has turned down an approach from the Italian club, Internazionale. Ferguson is on a six-figure salary as Aberdeen manager. He said in Melbourne: "I am not interested. I had an approach from a person claiming to represent Inter, but I told him I already have a good job."

Yesterday's results

SCREEN SPORT SUPER CUP: Liverpool 2, Tottenham 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Bradford City 2, Portsmouth 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Halifax 1, Hereford 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 1, Watford 1; QPR 3, West Ham 0.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Neath 13, South Glamorgan Institute 12; Penarth 17, Newbridge 19.

Insurance claim spoils Higgins's return journey

Mark Higgins, of Manchester United has had his hopes of returning against his old club Everton dashed by a wrangle over insurance. The club wanted the former Everton captain and central defender, who had to stop playing a year ago, to step back into the first team in tonight's super cup match at Goodison Park, but Ron Atkinson, the United manager, discovered that, having received an insurance payment for the pelvic injury that was though to have ended his career, Higgins was not eligible to play for the first team.

Higgins, aged 26, has surprised the doctors with his progress in the Old Trafford Central League side since Atkinson offered him the chance to come back. He said: "It would be like a dream to come back. The insurance money did not amount to much and I would happily give it back to resurrect my career". But, with six first-team players undergoing treatment, Atkinson said: "I toyed with the idea of playing him, but he came up against all sorts of snags."

With Keven Moran his latest injury, Atkinson could call, Paul McGrath back into central defence and bring Clayton Blackmore into midfield.

Phil Priest, aged 19, has been called in to Chelsea's squad playing Oxford United in the full members' cup (Southern Area final, first leg) at the Manor Ground tonight. Priest, a midfield player who captained Chelsea's junior side last season, is included, as is Dale Jasper to the team that drew 1-1 at Liverpool last week.

Oxford give late fitness tests to John Aldridge, their forward, and Trevor Hebberd, a midfield player, before choosing their side.

Albion to sign Reilly

West Bromwich Albion, who are bottom of the first division and have been looking for a foward who can score goals, have agreed terms with Newcastle United for George Rilly. Albion are prepared to find £150,000 for Reilly aged 28, a player formerly of Watford. Albion's manager Nobby Stiles, hopes to persuade Reilly to move to the Midlands in time to make his first appearance in their home game on Saturday against Everton, the League champions.

Steve Hunt, Albion's midfield player, has decided to stay with the club after being offered a contract for another year and a wage rise.

● Billy Ronson has returned to Barnsley after a month's loan, having played two first division games for Birmingham. The club are not signing him.

● Bristol City have rejected a £10,000 bid from Brentford for Bobby Hutchinson, their captain. The City manager, Terry Cooper says that Hutchinson, aged 32, is too valuable to sell.

● Dean Neal, the Millwall forward, has joined Southend, of the fourth division for training after agreeing terms with Bobby Moore, the Southend manager. Millwall want a substantial fee for the former Queens Park Ranger's player and Southend will go to a tribunal in a figure cannot be agreed. The Essex club are also having talks with Newport in the hope of signing Tony Pulis, a defender who will replace Micky Stead, who joined Doncaster last week.

Runcorn's deeds stirring up support

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Runcorn must sometimes wonder what they have to do to attract the attention of the local population. Five seasons ago, they won the Northern Premier League championship and league cup and earned promotion to the Alliance Premier League (now the Gola League). The Alliance championship was won at the first attempt and since then Runcorn have finished fourth, fifth and fourteenth, and twice won the league cup, the Bob Lord Trophy. In terms of the percentage of points won, they have been the league's most successful club.

Yet in a table of average attendances, Runcorn's record in four seasons in the Gola League reads eighth, seventeenth, fifteenth and twentieth. Their average home gate last season was a humble 468.

Runcorn are paying the price of living just a few miles upstream from the big Merseyside clubs. John Williams, their manager, said: "We're an overspill town. For Liverpool and many people's allegiances still lie with the big-city clubs. We can only hope that as their children grow up in Runcorn they will start to identify themselves with us rather than with Liverpool or Everton."

The club are hoping that success in the FA Cup will help to increase support. The competition has not been a happy one for Runcorn in recent years but this season, having already played seven Cup matches, they are through to the second round for only the second time since 1968. The next opponents are their near neighbours, Wigan Athletic, and a capacity crowd of 7,000 is expected for the third division club's visit on Saturday.

The signs are that the local public are starting to take notice. In the previous round, a crowd of 1,315 saw the 1-1 draw at home to Boston United. The first replay ended in the same score and the second, a 4-1 victory, attracted 2,525 people to Runcorn's Canal Street ground. League attendances have also been improving the last home game having attracted a crowd of 679.

The poor support makes Runcorn's achievements all the more remarkable. Williams, now in his sixth season as manager, has always had to work with budgets considerably smaller than those of his leading rivals and has rarely been able to afford transfer fees. His signings are often players from smaller clubs or men nearing the end of their careers. Two of this season's newcomers are Frank Carrodus, the former Aston Villa player, and Dave Mather, a veteran of Telford United's recent Cup campaigns.

Williams, who began his football career at Everton without ever reaching the first team, played for Runcorn for five years and jumped at the change to manage them. "They're a super club," he said. "The players love it here and they very rarely want to leave. We've got five coming up for testimonials and I can't think of any greater tribute to the club than that."

SKIING

Stenmark puts fun first in his thirteenth season

At the age of 29 and now embarked on his thirteenth season of skiing on the World Cup tour Ingemar Stenmark, three times the overall champion, says he is no longer interested in winning titles.

"For me, the most important thing is to get the feeling that it's fun to ski", the Swede says. "If I train more, there's always a risk that I get fed up and get out of shape."

After devoting the close-season to his wife and child, Stenmark set aside 30 days to prepare for the 1986 ski season. Most racers put in a lot more than that, but Stenmark thinks it is enough. "This autumn has been more productive, better quality", he says.

Stenmark, the winner of a record 79 races and 15 World Cup individual titles, is trying to recapture the magic after his worst season a year ago. He was sixth in the overall standings, a fine performance by most skiers' standards but a disaster for Stenmark. Worst of all, he failed to win a race.

His last victory was in a giant slalom at Vail, Colorado, in March, 1984. In 25 races since then, he has had 13 finishes in the top five, but no victories.

Those who thought Stenmark would retire in frustration have been proved wrong. "There was no reason to think about quitting", Stenmark says. "I enjoyed skiing last season. It was fun, especially toward the end when I was skiing really well. I enjoyed it although I didn't win." Stenmark plans to enter every slalom and giant slalom race "if everything goes well".

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

World Cup play-off
Australia v Scotland (Melbourne, 9.0am)

Screen Sport Super Cup
Everton v Manchester United

Full Members' Cup
Southern final, first leg
Oxford United v Chelsea

GOLA LEAGUE: Bolton v Scarborough.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Welling v Aylesbury. Midland division: VS Rugby v Bilston. Southern division: Tonbridge v Woodford. Bill Below Cup: First round: Fareham v Dorchester.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Liverpool (7.0); Huddersfield v Manchester City; Hull v Sheffield United (7.0); West Bromwich Albion v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Bolton v Doncaster (7.0); Bradford City v Preston; Scunthorpe v Wolverhampton; York v Oldham (7.0). Postponed: Stoke v Middlesbrough.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Crystal Palace (2.0).
FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Bridgend v Taunton; Burton Albion v Grantham. Replay: Alfreton v Bedworth.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury Town v Soham; Stowmarket v Braintree; Sudbury v Great Yarmouth.
SOMERSET PREMIER CUP: Radstock v Paulton.
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES: Hitter Senior Cup: Wellingborough v Northampton Spencer.
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet v Gillingham.

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Semi-final: Crusades v Glentoran (Windsor Park, Belfast).
HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Havant v Farnborough.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Southwick v Lewes.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Croydon v West Ham: Hednesford v Ipswich.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Feltham v Hungerford.
COUNTY MATCH: Essex v Leicester and Rutland (Stanstead PC).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Combined Services v Wimbledon XI (Military Stadium, Aldershot); Old Boys League v Southern Amateur League (Finchley FC); FA XI v South-West Counties (at Bath).

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Pontypridd (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Newport (7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service v United Banks (Chiswick, 2.15).
OTHER MATCH: Public School Wanderers v New Zealand Combined Services (Sudbury, 7.30).

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Guildford v Cambridge University; London University v Oxford University.
TOURNAMENTS: Gloucestershire Indoor Club Finals (Stroud); Combined Services Indoor Championships (RAF Newton).

OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: Dulux British Open, qualifying rounds (Solihull).
BOXING: Frank Bruno v Larry Frazier (Albert Hall).

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CRICKET

Australians lose the thread and fall apart to Hadlee

Perth (Agencies).– Two sessions of patient accumulation came unravelled yesterday when the Australians lost four wickets for 39 runs in a short spell after tea. They ended the fourth day of this third and final Test just 143 runs ahead with two tail-enders at the crease, facing their first ever series defeat to New Zealand.

Once again Allan Border sustained the Australians, surviving one minute short of five hours in his innings of 83. Once again Richard Hadlee scourged them, taking three of the day's five wickets to bring his total for the series to 31.

New Zealand were restricted to only one success in the first two sessions. Border was supported initially by Boon, who made 50 in a third-wicket stand of 81 that hauled Australia back from a precarious 28 for two late on Monday, and then by Ritchie, who saw Australia safely through the second session to 166 for three at tea.

Hadlee broke through five minutes before lunch in his second spell, when Boon edged a slower ball onto his stumps after a defiant innings of 222 minutes containing four fours, then he induced Border to play on just after tea.

Ritchie's three-hour resistance for 44 ended when he slashed a fierce square cut off Coney to Crowe in the gully. It was the only chance of several during the day that the New Zealanders held on to.

Hookes was bowled for 14 by a ball from Bracewell that kept low, then Hadlee trapped Matthews leg-before for 14.

Hadlee has taken four for 84 in this innings to bring his total of Test wickets to 297. He would become the sixth bowler in Test history to take 300 wickets.

Australia: First innings 208 (R J Hadlee 5 for 85)

Second innings

W B Phillips c Smith b Chatfield	10
R B Kerr b Hadlee	0
D C Boon b Hadlee	50
A R Border b Hadlee	83
G M Ritchie c M Crowe b Coney	44
D W Hookes b Bracewell	7
G R J Matthews low b Hadlee	14
G F Lawson not out	15
G J McDermott not out	2
Extras (b-2, lb-3, nb-8)	14
Total (7 wkts)	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–28, 3–109, 4–195, 5–207, 6–214, 7–234.

BOWLING: (to date) Hadlee 35-6-84-4, Cairns 26-6-59-0 (6nb), Chatfield 30-9-47-1-(1nb), Coney 8.5-5-9-1, Bracewell 24-6-35-1.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 299 (B A Edgar 74, M D Crowe 71).

Examining legend of Ranjitsinhji

By Simon Wilde

Ranjitsinhji is one of the gods of cricket. He belongs to the pantheon of great amateur batsmen of the game's heroic age, along with such as Fry, Jessop, Jackson and MacLaren. And, before them all, "Ranji" came nearest to the living embodiment of lightning inspiration at the crease," a veritable thunderbolt from Zeus" (presumably W.G. Grace). An opportunity therefore to see how the real man corresponds to the legend is not to be missed, and has been presented in a beautiful reprint of *With Stoddart's Team in Australia* (Constable, £7.95), an account of the 1897-98 tour, which went through at least four editions within a year.

For one reason and another the team never settled to the task and the unhappy Englishmen lost the last four Tests after winning the first. Only MacLaren and "Ranji", who both scored more than 1,000 runs in first-class matches, enjoyed much success.

"Ranji's" fame had preceded him. From the moment he arrived he was highly popular – until, that is, his published comments for an Australian monthly magazine, which were later put together to form this book, became known. He got off to a bad start by stating that Australia's leading bowler, Ernie Jones, was throwing. And things got worse as English fortunes went further downhill.

Australia, he admits, were the better side, although they wouldn't have won the second Test so easily but for the state of the wicket; nor the forth, but for Clem Hill's great 188 (a single handed effort) and the fly that got in MacLaren's eye at a crucial moment; nor the fifth, where England were undoubtedly the better side, but for the bad decision which went against "Ranji" himself and another which favoured Darling, who went on to win the match for Australia. Sections of the crowd barracked indiscriminately, the intense heat and glaring light were problems, and the dark background at Melbourne made it difficult to take a catch.

The English, in conclusion, possessed the "more brilliant and more finished" batsmen (although this cannot refer to the professionals' batting, which "did not reach that standard which was expected of it"). The implication is that Ranjitsinkhi and his friend, the autocratic MacLaren, were the best batsmen on either side, though in fact Darling and Mill had higher averages. And one is reminded of the character sketch of "Ranji" at the start of the book, and his "overpowering" modesty.

This is not to suggest than any of "Ranji's" explanations do not in themselves possess elements of truth, but put together they were not surprisingly laughed out of court by the Australian public. To the Australian he probably represented the ideal of the whingeing pom.



HOCKEY

India save face as Malaysia's late rally fails

Ipoh, Malaysia (Reuter) – India staved off a gallant recovery by Malaysia to win the final of the six-nation hockey tournament here yesterday. Sixth in last month's Champions' trophy in Perth, India salvaged some pride with yesterday's success, winning 4-2.

India led 2-0 at the interval from a penalty converted by Joaquim Carvalho in the twenty-sixth minute and a goal by Tikken Singh six minutes later. Malaysia reduced the deficit through Foo Kear Soong, their captain, in the fifty-second minute.

That goal jolted India, and Jude Felix, a substitute forward, and Mohd Shahid, their captain, scored in the sixtieth and sixty-fifth minutes. Foo replied for Malaysia a minute later, but it was not enough to stop India winning the trophy.

FINAL: India 4, Malaysia 2. Scorers: India: J Carvalho, T Singh, J Felix, M Shahid. Malaysia: Foo Kear Seong (2). PLAY-OFF: Pakistan 2, Spain 1. Scorers: Pakistan: Abdul Rashid, Farhad. Spain: I Escuide.

Slough player gets year ban for dissent

By Sydney Friskin

Ravinder Lely, of Slough, has been banned by the disciplinary committee of the Buckinghamshi County Hockey Association from playing and umpiring until April 14, 1986 and from playing for any representative Buckinghamshire hockey team until January 1, 1987.

These decisions were taken after an inquiry into incidents during the county championship match between Hampshire and Buckinghamshire on October 13 at Southampton where Lely was given first a yellow temporary suspension card and later was sent off. Both penalties were for dissent.

Bailey's post

Northamptonshire have appointed Ray Bailey, their former fast bowler, as head groundsman to replace Norman Hever, who is leaving shortly to take up a business appointment.

RACING: DE HAAN TAKES OVER ON HALF FREE IN CHELTENHAM'S FEATURE CHASE

Action man will not be denied

By John Karter

We read a lot about sportsmen bouncing back from injury, but the difference with National Hunt jockeys is that it can be taken almost literally. And no one epitomises the devil-may-care attitude and super human resilience of the breed better that Steve Smith Eccles, whose winning effort on Foyle Fisherman at Fontwell Park yesterday was remarkable from more than one aspect.

Shrugging off two heavy falls last week, Smith Eccles somehow managed to coax and cajole the less than helpful Kumbi to victory at Sandown Park on Saturday. However, he was so drained physically that the course doctor advised him to go home and rest for a few days.

But sitting idle for two whole days was too much like a soft option for this particular action man, so after giving Monday's racing a miss, he promptly told John Jenkins, the trainer, to expect him at the Sussex course ready, willing and able to ride Foyle Fisherman.

And as Smith Eccles drove his desperately tired mount back past Fandango Light in the dying strides of the Greenwich Novices' Hurdle to snatch a victory that had looked gone beyond recall, you began to feel that Simon Sherwood, the leading rider, has good reason for a metaphoracle look over his shoulder.

Smith Eccles, closing the gap relentlessly in the jockeys table, has already said that he wants John Francome's vacant title and judging by yesterday's performance he will not be denied.

Richard Dunwoody, the golden boy of the last National Hunt season, was another who had been widely tipped as a contender for the Francome crown. However, while he is beginning to put together a respectable score this season, he has – through no fault of his own – not yet achieved the great things expected of him.



Southernair holding on in the E Coomes Handicap Hurdle (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Yesterday, in the Wally Coomes Chase, Dunwoody used a combination of skill and luck to snatch the prize on Revolver. Stray Shot, having looked the likely winner, hit the top of the last fence and catapaulted Richard Rowe out of the saddle, leaving Rostra to go clear on the run-in. However, Dunwoody produced a devastating run from Revolver up the steep slope to the winning post and forced his mount ahead 50 yards from the line.

Rowe, although not badly hurt – he jarred a shoulder – relinquished his remaining rides and so missed winning on Stray Shot's stable companion, Golden Minstrel. Eamon Murphy, Josh Gifford's promising rider, deputised and showed his own blossoming talent with a Dunwoody-like late flourish to catch Winning Clover near the finish.

After Sailor's Dance had finished second to Southernair in the featured E. Coomes Handicap Hurdle, Fred Winter, the trainer, said that Ben de Haan would replace the injured Richard Linley on Half Free, the Mackeson Gold Cup winner, in Saturday's big chase at Cheltenham, the Still Fork Trucks Gold Cup.

Winter has no firm plans for Sailor's Dance, but this five-year-old could go right to the top this season. Not only did Sailor's Dance do well in finishing second under top weight on his reappearance, but he was also more than a little unlucky as Southernair appeared to jump right across him at the last hurdle. There were many who thought Southernair lucky to keep the race at the subsequent stewards inquiry.

● Mark Perrett the National Hunt jockey, who broke his left leg in two places in a fall at Fontwell Park on September 3, hopes to resume riding on Saturday week. The Sussex-based freelance said yesterday: "I had the plaster on my leg for three months, but I had a good course of physiotherapy, and have been riding out for Guy Harwood. I rode a canter this morning and my leg feels good".

Charter Party can repay Nicholson for Newbury lapse

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Having let his supporters down when falling four out in the Heanessy Gold Cup for which he started second favourite, Charter Party is out to retrieve those losses at Worcester today when his objective is the Long Haul Handicap Chase over three miles and five furlongs.

Beforehand I thought Charter Party was capable of winning that annual Newbury spectacular. With the benefit of hindsight, I doubt whether he would have done but I am still certain he would have finished a highly creditable second to the impressire winner, Galway Blaze, and he is now my nap on the strength of that opinion.

In the meantime, David Nicholson and Peter Scudamore, those most closely involved with Charter Party, have conceded that they too believe he would never have beaten Glaway Blaze. Yet they reamin adamant that he would have finished second had he not completely misjudged that fourth-last fence and paid the penalty. In which case, CHARTER PARTY should be capable of giving weight and a beating to his eight opponents this afternoon.

Prior to going to Newbury he had run a highly encouraging first race at Wincanton where he was beaten only half a length by Duke of Milan, having slipped on landing over the fifth-last fence and losing half a dozen lengths in the process.

All in all, Nicholson and Scudamore look set for a profitable afternoon. In the first event, they have a clear chance of winning the opening division of the Rusbock Novices' Hurdle with Koffi, while at the end they appear to have an equally good chance of picking up the other division with Solar Cloud.

Purple Peak, a winner at Newton Abbot a week ago, Castiglione, from John Francome's stable, the Newbury faller Fogar and Palace would seem to form the hardcore of Koffi's opposition. I prefer KOFFI (12.30) because I like the way he shaped at Newbury where he was runner-up to Wide Boy.

Likewise, I thought that SOLAR CLOUD (3.00) ran well enough at the same meeting, when he finished third behind State Diplomacy and Tsarella, to indicate that he would be winning a similar race before long.

ISHKOMMAN, who is something of a favourite with regular racegoers at Worcester where he has won four times now, has a chance of winning the Taby Galopp Handicap Hurdle even under top weight following that heartening run first time out behind Lanhydrock at the last meeting.

Man of Spirit, who caught my eye at Newbury where he finished sixth behind Squire's Jubilee, would be an even bigger danger to Ishkomman were it not for the fact that he will be carrying 9lb more then his real mark in the long handicap.

Significantly, I think, the recent course and distance winner SILVER CLIFF misses the Year's End Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase, which looks a soft touch, for the much harder and only marginally more valuable Bet With the Tote Handicap Chase.

At Hexham, my principal fancy is MISTY SPIRIT to win the Hencotes Handicap Chase. An early faller in his first race of the season at Newcastle, my selection wasted little time in picking up a nice consolation prize when he won comfortably at Sedgefield just three days later. On that form he has the clear beating of Unscrupulous Judge.

But for falling at the last hurdle at Newcastle, HATTERAS would probably have finished third behind Ryecroft and Green Gorse, a winner subsequently at Newcastle two days ago. Now Gordon Richards' five-year-old has a chance to atone in the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle.

● Mecca bookmakers make Half Free 5-2 favourite for the Steel Fork Trucks Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday. Other prices: 3 Final Argument, 4 Poet's Corner, 9-2 Duke of Milan, 10 Combs Ditch 12 bar.

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WORCESTER

Going: good to soft

12.30 RUSHOCK NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £651: 2m) (22 runners)

1		021	PURPLE PEAK (A Smith) P Haynes 11-3	A Webb
2		8	CASTIGLIONE (D Johnson) J Francome 10-10	S Smith Eccles
3			COCKALORUM (T Waldrock) K Morgan 10-10	S Johnson
4			DAWN JUSTICE (Mrs E Burtoweb) J Bulcowate 10-10	W Worthington 7
5		P	DIMENSION (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 10-10	R Beggan
6			FOGAR (S O'Shea) D Murray-Smith 10-10	C Brown
7		u	FOXY DYKE (Danebury Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 10-10	A Gorman
8			KAVAKA (J Horgan) R Harmon 10-10	S Reilly
9			KEEPERS BANK (E Morgan) K White 10-10	G Evans 7
10			KINGS POLLY (Mrs A Gregg) D Haydn Jones 10-10	H Davies
11		2	KOFFI (R Bacci) D Nicholson 10-10	P Scudamore
12			MAIN REASON (F Lee) F Lee 10-10	S Holland
13		8	PALACE YARD (N Jaffar) J Jenkins 10-10	–
14			RACHAN MASTER (T Corden) Mrs J Barrow 10-10	Peter Hobbs
15			WILL'S WARRIOR (W Cautrey) G Ham 10-10	B Powell
16			WINTER TERM (M MacCarthy) G Thorner 10-10	P Barton
17		4	BOURBON QUEEN (W Kelly) M Blanshard 10-5	B De Haan
18			CASE OF GOLD (Mrs J Colston) J Colston 10-5	E Murphy 4
19			LADY WOODPECKER (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 10-5	G McCourt
20			MISS APEX (R Griffiths) F Yardley 10-5	–
21			ROGERS PRINCESS (R Smith) M Tate 10-5	C Smith
22			SWEETWATER LASS (B Lewis) M Eckley 10-5	A O'Hagan

1984: meeting abandoned – course waterlogged.

11-8 Koffi, 9-2 Palace Yard, 5 Purple Peak, 8 Bourbon Queen, 10 Castiglione, 14 Dimension, To Do, Hope End, 14 Gollymo, 16 others.

FORM: PURPLE PEAK (11-0) beat Christo (11-0) 1¼ at Newton Abbot (2m Nov Hdle, 2323, good to firm, Nov 27, 16 ran). KOFFI (11-0) 4l 2nd of 16 to Wide Boy (11-0) at Newbury (2m Nov Hdle, £1,888, good to firm, Nov 22). PALACE YARD (10-12) 15l 5th of 15 when in need of race behind Little Stoop (10-7) at Nottingham (2m Hdle, £2568, good, Nov 22). BOURSON QUEEN (10-9) 9¼l 4th of 10 to Godfather's Gift at Newbury (2m Hdle, £1543, firm, Nov 6).

Selection: KOFFI.

Worcester selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Koffi. 1.0 Space Bridge. 1.30 Silver Cliff. 2.0 Ishkomann. 2.30 CHARTER PARTY (nap). 3.0 Solar Cloud.

1.0 YEAR'S END CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,443: 2m) (4)

4		1183/3-	SPACE BRIDGE (CD) (G Elwyn Jones) G Jones 11-11-7	C Warren
9		0-08204	PRINCELY LAD (Mrs Y Skilton) M Tate 7-10-10	M Bosley
10		0ppp-60	THE FLOORLAYER (D) (Beaudy Floors Ltd) J Baker 7-10-8	C Evans
11		64pl0-0	POMPOSITY (D) (J Smith) R Smith 8-10-8	–

5-4 Princely Lad, 7-4 Space Bridge, 9-2 Pomposity 5 The Floorlayer.

FORM: SPACE BRIDGE (10-13) ridden by a 7lb claimer when 5¾l 3rd of 13 to Ring-Lou (10-2) at Ludlow (2m H'cap Ch, £1328, good to soft, Feb 8). PRINCELY LAD last of 4 to Foggy Buoy at Wolverhampton earlier (10-7) 8l, 2nd of 6 to Crocklia (11-7) at Newton Abbot (2m 5f H'cap Ch, £3059, good to firm, Oct 16). THE FLOORLAYER (11-0) 67¼l 6th to Katnies Lad (11-8) at Devon (2m 1f Ch, £5818, good, Nov 12). POMPOSITY well behind on seasonal debut, best form last term (10-5) 4l 5th to St William (10-12) at Newbury (2m H'cap Ch, £3215, good to soft, Mar 1. 15 ran.

Selection: POMPOSITY.

1.30 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,066: 2m 4f) (20)

5		21d010-	JOHN PRESENT (P Dening) R Holder 7-11-7	N Coleman
6		000213-	COUNTY PLAYER (Mrs Y Skilton) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-7	J Suthern
7		3p-0120	COMEDIAN (Mrs G Benney) D Nicholson 7-11-6	W Humphreys 7
8		/000-00	BRONCHO'S COUSIN (W Mackenzie-Coles) W Mackenzie-Coles 11-11-6	R Hoare
9		p100-05	SCOTS NOGGER (D) (Mrs S Spearing) J Spearing 10-11-5	P Warner
11		0/0-3220/	SIR KENWIN (E Thornton) R Armytage 7-11-4	A Webber
12		3112/3-	ROYAL TO DO (D) (J Sumner) T Forster 9-11-4	–
13		22023-3	TUDOR ROAD (D) (A Stoddart) L Kennard 10-11-3	S Durrance
15		0p20-21	SILVER CLIFF (CD) (D O'Flynn) J Thorne 8-11-2 (4 ex)	P Scudamore
16		p5-1304	THORNTON (P) (Tudor) S May 6-11-1	S May
17		5432224-	VIRGIN SOLDIER (CD) (Mrs J Dibben) J Old 8-11-1	G Bradley
18		6p4001/	TOY TRACK (D) (T Nixon) T Forster 7-10-11	J White
22		3/8r11p/	IVORY CREST (L Connell) F Winter 7-10-7	B De Haan
23		p01/4p	RODDUS OPERANDI (D) (D Bell) R Armytage 8-10-5	Miss G Armytage 7
24		32344	JAT (D) (J Russell) R Harrop 9-10-4	R Crank
25		32p31/-	CELTIC SLAVE (B Hellyer) T Forster 8-10-3	R Dunwoody
27		3114-34	HOPE END (CD) (BF) (Mrs Y Allsopp) R Brazington 7-10-2	C Jones
29		0/40-00	DIORLIS (D) (M Barraclough) M Barraclough 7-10-0	G Jones
30		40p-040	HOBO (J Price) J Price 14-10-0	S McNeill
32		3/2112-	GOLLYNO (M Denton) Mrs E Kennard 8-10-0	–

9-2 Silver Cliff, 5 Tudor Road, 6 Scots Nogger, 7 County Player, 8 Johns Present, 10 Royal To Do, Hope End, 14 Gollymo, 16 others.

FORM: JOHNS PRESENT, twice a winner last season, on penultimate start (11-7) easy 15l winner from Rubenzola (11-0) at Uttoxeter (2m Nov Ch, £1,334, soft, Apr 8, 8 ran). SCOTS NOGGER (11-8) just over 8l 3rd to The County Stone (11-3) with JOAT (10-6) 5l back in 4th and COMEDIAN (11-7) another 3l away 5th at Ludlow (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £2,284, good to firm, Nov 27, 6 ran). SILVER CLIFF (10-7) 4l scorer from Deep Ridge (10-9) here (2m 5f cap Ch), previously (10-12) 5l 2nd to Abelight (10-0) with TUDOR ROAD (11-3) 18l back in 3rd also here (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £1,480, good to firm, Oct 12, 9 ran). THORNTON (10-4) successful on seasonal debut when beating Captain Dawn (10-8) at Chepstow (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £1,464, good, Oct 5, 7 ran). HOPE END (10-0) scored on seasonal reappearance when beating Miss Abwah (10-0) 7l here (2m H'cap Ch, £1,407, firm, Oct 26, 8 ran).

Selection: SILVER CLIFF.

Fontwell results

Going: good

1.0 (2m 2f ch) 1, BRAVEN (M Bosley, 13-2); 2, Reay's Song (P Corrigan, 11-2); 3, Shotangi (S McCrystal, 5-1 j-fav). ALSO RAN: 5-4 j-fav Hopeful Answer (4th), 11-2 Narsinh (pu), 15-2 Noble Roman (f), 14 Weaversleake, 16 Plain Jim (f), 20 Rosband (5th), 25 Hanover Prince (6th), 33 Mineleo, Western Kelly, 12 ran, 15l, 20l, 4l, not recorded, 16l, D Wintle at Westbury on Severn. TOTE: £9.20; £1.60, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £9.30. CSF: £28.10. No bid.

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, FOYLE FISHERMAN (S Smith Eccles, 2-1 fav); 2, Fandango Light (R Arnott, 5-1); 3, Kingsfield Swift (C Brown, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Freemason (5th), 11-2 Briangori, 10 Close Flame (pu), Lucky Charlie, 12 Hopeful Kybo, 16 Namo Kybo, 20 Green Ivy, Namoos (4th), 33 Bruni Baby (5th), Canonbury Flyer, Fighting Rocket, Martin Cross, Daddy, Drumshreae, Tutor's Nephew, 18 ran. ½l, 15l, ½l, 10l, 6l, J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £3.10; £1.60, £2.00, £5.70. DF: £6.60. CSF: £15.18. Following a Stewards Inquiry and an objection by the second to the winner, the result stands.

2.0 (2m 2f ch) 1, REVOLVER (R Dunwoody, 15-2); 2, Reetra (Mr M Armytage, 3-1 fav); 3, Bayham Sir Verdon (S Sherwood, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Stray Shot (f), 9-2 Famous Footsteps (pu), 13-2 Stretch Out (pu), 10 Fast Flight (pu), 14 Richmede (pu), 8 ran, 1 ½l, 16l, S Woodman at Chichester. TOTE: £7.90; £1.90, £1.30, £2.50. DF: £18.10. CSF: £26.37.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, SOUTHERNAIR (A Webb, 4-1); 2, Sailor's Dance (J Duggan, 9-2); 3, Janus (C Brown, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Jade And Diamond (5th), 11-2 Forewarm (4th), 15-2 Polar Star, 20 Mr Key, 33 Bigee (6th), Mighty Steel, 50 Slip Up, 100 Catman. 11 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 1¼l, 3l, 1l, P Haynes at Chichester. CSF: £22.72. TRICAST: £58.32. After a Stewards Inquiry and an objection by the third as the winner, the result stands.

3.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, GOLDEN MINSTREL (E Murphy, 9-4 j-fav); 2, Whoising clover (M Richards, 25-1); 3, Hopeful Saint (H Jenkins, 15-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 j-fav Gloria Way (4th), 7-2 Cricket of Critics, (F) 6 Penny Royal (F) 14 Brown Veil (5th), 16 Castel Gandolfo (PU), 25 Dawning Night (PU), Lollys Patch (PU), 10 ran. NR: Fort Hall, 1¼, 2, 8, not recorded. J Gifford at Findon. Totes: £2.90; £1.10, £13.40, £4.20. DF: £454.20. CSF: £51.46.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, FOXES CASTLE (R Strange, 3-1); 2, Snowsad Jim (Miss C Moore, 6-1); 3, Cons Glen (T Dunwoody, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ouzzardwalk (4th), 6 Sit Of A Darcy, Sasananoco, 9 Admiral Ironside (6th), 16 Megiddo, 33 Airborne Ace, Burns Lad, (PU) Picard, Red Emerald (PU) Wordal (5th), 13 ran. 12l, 1¼l, 12l, 2l, 5l. Tote: £4.80; £3.40, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £27.80. CSF: £22.81. PLACEPOT: £33.20.

2.0 TABY GALOPP HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,657: 2m 4f) (20)

2		00184-0	ISHKOMANN (C) (J Spearing) J Spearing 6-11-9	S Sherwood
4		2113p0-	RAGGED ROBIN (J St Burridge) T Forster 5-11-3	H Davies
6		31400-3	WILD CORN (C) (B Akerman) W Feiner 6-10-9	S Smith Eccles
7		4022/1-	GATHABAWN (CD) (J Northover) Mrs E Harden 9-10-9	B Powell
9		40100p-	NITLINI (D) (J Taylor) B Preece 5-10-6	R Stronge
10		102000-	LE LEVADOR (CD) (K Bell) D Wintle 6-10-4	A Carroll
11		p4333/0	SELBORNE RECORD (B) (Mrs G E Jones) Mrs G E Jones 7-10-4	J Suthern
13		10945-4	SILPALONG (D) (J Read) P J Jones 8-10-2	K Mooney
14		06312p/	PROSETT (A Gadd) J Fox 7-10-0	S Moore
15		000-	CO CO MAN (J Wenman) P Haynes 5-10-0	A Webb
19		6040/0-	BROCK HILL (D) (Miss S Low) C Jackson 9-10-0	J Bryan
23		801214	GENERAL BILLY (Mrs R Bird) M Tate 7-10-0 (7 ex)	C Smith
28		00411/0	MAN OF SPIRIT (W Forde) Lady Herries 6-10-0	M Kinane
30		p0001-0	APPALACHIAN (D) (T Skirrow) C Vernon Miller 6-10-0	P Warner
32		/12-000	LUKOFS GLORY (D) (L Bevan) G Yardley 5-10-0	P Scudamore
34		00044-0	HIGH RIDGE (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-10-0	A Webber
35		60/30-0	JOHN FEATHER (A Phillips) D Burchell 5-10-0	S Davies 7
40		0000/4-0	CHALKIES PET (G Wilkins) D Wintle 5-10-0	R Byrne 7
41		0/0-0	CHAIN OF REASONING (Miss U Pettonen) R Frost 11-10-0	J Frost
43		0000/00	TURNTABLE (C) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 9-10-0	E Murphy 4

7-2 Wild Corn, 4 Ishkomann, 9-2 General Billy, 5 Gathabawn, 8 La Levador, 10 Sipalong, 12 Appalachian, 14 others.

FORM: ISHKOMANN (10-0) 11 ½l 4th to Corporal Clinger (10-3) at Haydock earlier (12-0) beat Try To Remember (11-9) 6l at Ludlow (2m H'cap Hdle, £1,328, soft, Mar 22, 19 ran). RAGGED ROBIN (11-5) most recent form 12 ½l 3rd to Maganyos (11-0) at Chepstow (2m Hdle, £2,155, good to firm, Nov 27, 16 ran). WILD CORN (10-11) 37l 3rd to Hypnos(is (10-5) at Wincanton (2m H'cap Hdle, £2,156, good to firm, Nov 14, 8 ran). GATHABAWN (10-9) beat Dropshot (10-6) 4l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f H'cap Ch, £2,813, firm, Sept 14, 13 ran). GENERAL BILLY (10-2) best effort on penultimate outing when beating Speedy Bee (11-6) 6l at Warwick (2m 5f H'cap Hdle, £1,451, good, Nov 16, 15 ran). APPALACHIAN (10-6) stayed on to beat Lady Tut (11-6) 3l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £1,341, soft, Apr 8, 14 ran).

Selection: ISHKOMANN.

2.30 LONG HAUL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,590: 3m 5f) (9)

1		1f12-2f	CHARTER PARTY (C) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 7-11-7	P Scudamore
2		4430u0-	BROOMY BANK (Capt J Lumsden) J Edwards 10-11-7	P Barton
3		p0p0-00	SOINTULLA BOY (C) (Mrs H Houlbrooke) Mrs H Houlbrooke 10-11-5	Mr T Houlbrooke
4		222-122	ARCTIC BEAU (P Venn) J Thorne 7-11-2	H Davies
5		12-042/	COVENT GARDEN (Exors G Parrish) W Clay 7-10-1	S J O'Neill
9		440012/	SWALLOW PRINCE (G Pike) P Bowden 11-10-0	R Dennis 4
10		008up-	DRUMCONDRA (J Talnton) N Palmons 10-10-0	C Smith
11		2/2100-	PAY FREEZE (R Dewar) I Wardle 8-10-0	S May
14		3f-332p	DELATOR (P Brewer) I Wardle 8-10-0	P Dever

6-4 Charter Party, 11-4 Arctic Beau, 4 Covent Garden, 13-2 Broomy Bank, 10 Delator, 12 others.

FORM: CHARTER PARTY (10-2) in contention when failing 4 out in the Hennessy at Newbury (3m 2f h'cap ch), previously (11-3) ½l 2nd to Duke of Milan (11-11) at Wincanton (3m 1f h'cap ch, £3,580, good to firm, Nov 14, 4 ran). BROOMY BANK (11-7) best effort last season when 9l 3rd to West Tip (11-1) at Hereford (3m 1f h'cap ch, £3,775, good to firm, Nov 15, to comfortable winner Run and Skip (11-4) at Warwick (3m h'cap ch, £3,793, good to firm, Nov 13, 4 ran). COVENT GARDEN (10-1) fell in race won by Big Brown Bear (10-0) at Haydock (4m h'cap 7 ran). SWALLOW PRINCE (10-1) 3½l 3rd to Sister Ray (10-0) at Uttoxeter (3m 2f h'cap ch, £1,987, good, Nov 14, 9 ran). DELATOR (10-0) on penultimate start 6l 2nd to Glenlox (11-8) at Newbury (3m h'cap ch, £3,781, good to firm, Nov 13, 4 ran).

Selection: CHARTER PARTY.

3.0 RUSHOCK NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £685: 2m) (22)

1			ANOTHER TRY (Danebury Stables) K Cunningham-Brown 10-10	A Gorman
2		0	BOARDMANS VENTURE (P Howell) O Sherwood 10-10	S Sherwood
5		022320	CHARLESTON GEORGE (B) (O Stokes) D Jermy 10-10	G Old
6			CLERMONT LANE (D Cowgill) M Tate 10-10	C Smith
7		0f	GIRARD STEP (R Fairs) Mrs G E Jones 10-10	J Suthern
8		f	HUMPHREY THYME (R Knott) M Eckley 10-10	A O'Hagan
9		0	KALA PANI (B Uden) I Cox 10-10	C Cox 7
10			LAWLEY (F Davies) B Preece 10-10	R Stronge
12			MISRULE (T Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 10-10	C Mann
13			RIVERSIDE WRITER (G Kattou) K Bridgwater 10-10	W Worthington 7
15		011-040	SOLAR CLOUD (J Shouler) D Nicholson 10-10	P Scudamore
16		3	TAFF (M Walker) R Frost 10-10	J Frost
18		0	TESTIMONIAL (Mrs D Dobson) J Jenkins 10-10	–
19			THE ITALIAN (Lady Harris) G Balding 10-10	B Reily
21		224	THIRTY ACRE (J Sly) P Haynes 10-10	A Webb
23		u	TIARUM (M Ledbury) A Chamberlain 10-10	A Chamberlain
24		0	TOP MEMBER (F Carter) J King 10-10	S Smith Eccles
25			ABLOOM (J McGugan) M McCormack 10-5	P Barton
26		44	ABLOOM (J McGugan) M McCormack 10-5	B Powell
30		uu	FLASH MODEL (Mrs L Warren) L Kennard 10-5	G Charles-Jones
33			INTREPIDA (Mrs D Hardy) S Mellor 10-5	M Bosley 7
35			SILVER FIELD (Miss H Monteith) J Bosley 10-5	H Davies
36		0p	STAR BET (G Williams) D Barons 10-5	–

15-8 Solar Cloud, 5-2 Testimonial, 5-2 Boardmans Venture, 8 The Italian, 10 Intrepida, 12 Charleston George, 16 others.

FORM: CHARLESTON GEORGE (10-0) unplaced behind Prince Ramboro (11-6) at Warwick; previously (10-12) highly creditable 1¼l 2nd to Bob And Peter (11-5) at Taunton (2m 1f hdle, £422, firm, Oct 24, 6 ran). SOLAR CLOUD (11-0) 3½l 3rd to Stats Diplomacy (11-7) with THE ITALIAN (11-0) 4l away 4th, Newbury (2m Nov hdle, £1,855, good to firm, Nov 22, 18 ran). Earlier THE ITALIAN (10-7) 4¼ 2nd to Courageous Charger (10-7) with ABLOOM (10-2) 8l away 4th and BOARDMAN'S VENTURE (10-7) 2½l further back in 5th, Plumpton (2m Nov hdle, £568, good to firm, Nov 11, 14 ran).

Selection: SOLAR CLOUD.

Hereford

Going: Good to soft

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, SHADY LEGACY (W Morris, 50-1); 2, Vino Festa (Dai Williams, 11-2); 3, Rathmalla (A Carroll, 15-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Jade And Diamond (5th), 11-2 Forewarm (4th), 15-2 Polar Star, 20 Mr Key, 33 Bigee (6th), Mighty Steel, 50 Slip Up, 100 Catman. 11 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 1¼l, 3l, 1l, P Haynes at Chichester. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £13.00. CSF: £22.72. TRICAST: £58.32. After a Stewards Inquiry and an objection by the third as the winner, the result stands.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, MR BENNINGTON (C Cox, 13-8 fav); 2, Nartine-Mey (C Cowley, 11-2); 3, Dawn Doby (N Fearn, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Caer Pingle (5th), 13-2 Sidesland (6th), 8 Two Up (4th), 50 Jim Brown (PU), Lucy King (PU), 8 ran. 5l, hd, 3l, 12l, 1¼l, J Cosgrave at Cheltenham. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £5.20. CSF: £10.51. Bought in 800gns.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, JUST JOKING (A Webber, 6-1); 2, Etas Rouges (G McCourt, 9-4 fav); 3, Gongo (J Brown, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Clara Mountain (F), 11-2 Fellsland Hero (PU), 6, Edenspring (F), 14 King Daithi (UR), 20 Ashtarr Vider (F), Shabbeer (PU), Our Grace (PU), 13

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The million-pound house, a rarity early in the 1980s, is now a regular sight on the London market, but a development of nine period houses costing between £1.2 million and £1.6 million is rather different. The houses, in Prince Albert Road, Regent's Park, listed Grade II, were built on the Crown Estate in 1820 with views over the canal to the wooded park. They were previously occupied by the Nuffield Foundation as hostel accommodation and are now being restored to their original architectural style.

The first show house, on five floors, has three reception rooms, a principal bedroom suite and three further bedrooms, and a self-contained flat. A second house, to be completed early next year, has a heated swimming pool, and the properties are being sold on 99-year leases through Hampton and Sons.

Greystones Stores, which has traded in Little Milton, Oxfordshire, for 200 years, is for sale through Savills' Banbury office at around £110,000. The sixteenth-century stone house, well equipped as a store, could make an attractive family house, though whether the villagers would appreciate the loss of their shop is another matter. It has three reception rooms and four bedrooms.

Time share in the West

Holiday homes in the West Country, particularly on the coast, have been in considerable demand this year, with interest from the Midlands, the South-East and overseas, mostly in the price range £55,000 to £150,000. Prices have risen higher than in other sectors of the market, says Fox and Sons, with the result that a scarcity exists for holiday homes under £30,000. To tackle this problem, the owner of a two-bedroom cottage on the beach at Kingsand, in east Cornwall, is offering to sell six months' occupation on a time-share basis.

The price for this half ownership is £19,950, and it is a proposal which, the firm's Plymouth office suggests, could be the forerunner of many more.

Lamerton Manor is a Georgian house at Idless, near Truro, Cornwall, set in eight acres in the valley of the river Allen, a tributary of the Fal. Dating from 1750 but remodelled in 1800, it has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms, with a self-contained flat. The grounds run down to the river, where there are fishing rights. Humberts' Exeter office is asking £150,000 for this compact manor house.

The Tudor touch

Floreys Farm, at Brighthampton, near Witney in the Cotswolds has two attributes which attract public interest – it has 60 acres of land and it needs complete restoration. The house probably dates from the 17th century, though parts may be older, as the original front door is surrounded by a Tudor stone door frame. It contains three reception rooms and three or four bedrooms. The house, a few outbuildings, and 28 acres are being offered at auction on December 12 through Moore Allen and Innocent's Lechlade office, with a guide price of £80,000-£100,000. A further 28 acres (£38,000-£40,000) and three acres of arable land (£5,000) are for sale.



Thatched Cottage in Terling, Essex, is likely to attract interest because of its looks, its garden and its proximity to London – 40 minutes from nearby Hatfield Peverel station. It has a sitting room, a dining room and two bedrooms on the ground floor, and a third bedroom upstairs. The timber-framed cottage stands in gardens of one-third of an acre, and Strutt & Parker's Chelmsford office is seeking offers around £88,500

A market far from flat

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

While there is a recognized need for flats to rent in London, as explained on the opposite page, there is also a continuing demand for flats and apartments to buy.

At the lower prices there seems to be an unsatiable demand, leading to queues forming to see – and buy on sight – properties when they come on the market. For more expensive apartments, it appears that presentation is all-important, and examples of both these situations have recently emphasized the way in which this market works.

In 18 months, Residential Holdings has converted Numbers 31 and 33, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, on the Smith's Estate, from two somewhat run-down houses built around 1880 into 12 apartments ranging from two-bedroom units to three-bedroom penthouse maisonettes.

They have all the expected modern luxuries of fitted bathrooms, kitchens and security devices, with antique fireplaces, carpets – and gas log fires.

After the conversion, four units were fully decorated as show apartments. All have sold, while the remaining units wait to convince customers of their potential.

It may be that they lack the imagination needed to turn an empty flat into a home, or it may be that the sort of people who can afford the apartments costing from £145,000 to more than £300,000 have neither time nor inclination to think about the decoration or furnishing of their London home. Savills, Jackson-Stops and Staff and Farleys are the agents.

When Bram Lack and Co and Benham and Reeves marketed a Westgate Land development in London's Little Venice, they decided to invite "a select number" to an invitation-only show day. A queue built up until at 6 pm they had to shut the doors.

The development is called The Oakleaves, in Sutherland Avenue, where part of a Victorian terrace has been restored and converted into 31 flats. The developers have tried to re-create the spacious feeling of the original houses, with high ceilings, in contrast to most modern flats which have small rooms and low ceilings.

On the show day, seven flats had been completed, three of them decorated as show flats. All 31 will be fully carpeted, many with private gardens, balconies or terraces, and all have the use of the three-acre communal garden.

Prices range from £57,500 for a one-bedroom apartment to £120,000 for two bedrooms, and £135,000 for three bedrooms, all with 125-year leases.

Two days later, 23 of the flats had been bought, and within 10 days all 31 had gone. The agents are asking the *Guinness Book of Records* whether it breaks some sort of record.

In north London, Bairstow Eves' Tottenham office is offering 10 apartments in a converted Georgian town house at £34,995 to £59,495. The house was built by the Quakers in 1798, and is now in the Bruce Castle conservation area.

The flats, mostly one-bedroom, have fitted kitchens. Each has an entryphone system, and the communal areas of the four-storey building are carpeted.

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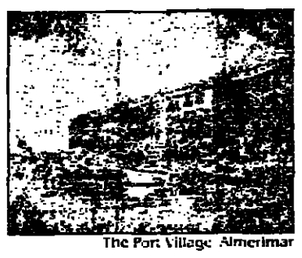
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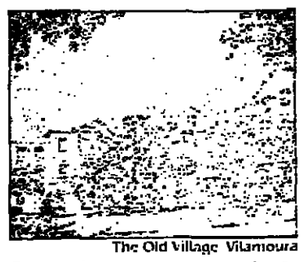
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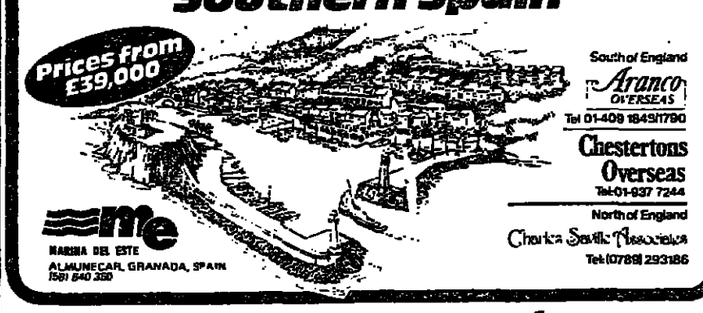
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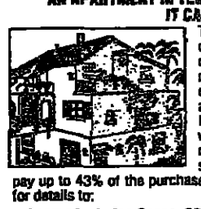
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BIRTHS

CAMERON.–On December 1st, to Julia (nee Wurtzburg) and Johnny–a son (Hamish John).

CUSTANCE. – On 29th November at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Bronwen (nee Edwards) and Richard – a beautiful daughter (Madeleine Rose).

DENNY. – On November 29 to Annette (nee Easteab and Jonathan – a son (Timothy Peter Noel) a brother for Charlotte.

DOUGLAS–HOME. – On 2nd December in Edinburgh to Jane and Andrew – a son.

DRUMMOND. – On December 2nd, in Southampton, to Alba (nee Immaculately) and Bendor – a daughter (Marina) a sister for a lot.

DUFFEE – On November 29 to Michael and Alexandra (nee Tetter-Smollett), a daughter, Tamara.

EMSON – On December 3 at the Portland Hospital, to Jenny and Colin, a daughter, Camilla.

EVANS. – On December 1st, 1985 at St Thomas' Hospital, London to Fiona (nee Macleod) and Mark, a son, Thomas Edward Humfrey.

HALL. – On November 29th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Lucy (nee Alley) and Chris, a daughter, Alexandra Claire.

HOLMES. – On November 27 in Paris to Penny and John – a daughter (Emilie Catherine) a sister for Sarah and Lucy.

HUTCHINSON. – On Dec. 3 at the Matilda, Hong Kong, to Susan (nee Gregory) and Brian, a son (Matthew James Gregory).

JORDAN – on November 30, at Northampton, to Judy (nee Beasley) and John, a son Jack, Johns Andrew Deani a brother for Christopher and Robert.

LEWIS–on November 21st to Angela (nee Buttery) and Warren, a daughter, Holly Alexandra.

LLOYD – to Deborah (nee Haddon-Cave) and David on the 18 November a son, Robert Philip Cave Lloyd.

PUGH. – On November 21st to Chantal (nee Lagarde) and Andrew, a daughter, Alexandra Helen.

REINDORP.–On November 29th, to David and Suzy (nee Moir)–a son (Christopher Guthrie George).

SPEERS. – To Sarah and Hal, twin sisters for Ishah, Samuel and Catherine. November 25, Antananarivo, Madagascar.

THEAKSTON. – On December 2 in Harrogate to Candy (nee Gill) and Simon – a son (William Michael Francis).

BIRTHDAYS

BRYN-JULF. (J. B. M.) congratulations and love from all where to contact you? (T. D. M.). Box 0023 T The Times.

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DIAMOND WEDDING

ILLERBY - HUMPHREY. – On December 9th 1925 in Dartford, Charles Marsbridge to Beatrice, Laura, 9th at Hartley.

DEATHS

ADAMS.–On December 1st, suddenly, at home, in his 84th year, Claude Walter Adams, of 135 Park Lane, Wembley, Middlesex (formerly of The Adams Gallery, Davies Street, London), adored husband of Ann, much loved father of John and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, and grandfather of Caroline and David. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Monday, December 9th, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

ANDREW. – On November 30th, 1985, after wonderful care at 21, Tuddenham Road, Ipswich, Ethel Rosamond, aged 96 years. Widow of Dr A H T Andrew, beloved mother of Wendy, Biddy (decd), Dick, Sheila, Christopher and Mary Jane. Much loved granny and great granny. Funeral service at Holbrook Church, Suffolk on Friday, December 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for the Royal British Legion may be sent to Kingdon & Hastings, Funeral Services, Barners Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

ASPINALL. – On November 30th, peacefully, in hospital, Elizabeth Joan (Betty), of Rusden, Wittersham, aged 77, beloved wife of Harry, mother of Jane and George, and loving grandmother. Funeral at Wittersham Church at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, December 6th, followed by cremation (family only) at Charing. Flowers to Wittersham Church.

BRISCOE. – On November 30th, John Alfred, of Springhill, Polruan, Cornwall. Loved husband of Peggy, loving father of Hilton and father-in-law Peggy, loving grandfather of Joseph, Thomas and Edmund. Sometime of Barclay's Bank, West Africa.

BROWN. – On December 1st 1985, Ruby Brown, much loved wife of Muir and grandmother of Philip. Funeral Service at the South East Crematorium. A Memorial Service will be held at Lichfield Cathedral on Friday December 13th at 2.30pm at which all friends will be welcome.

CARGILL THOMPSON – On 29th November, 1985, peacefully in her 81st year, Helen Mary Sutherland Reed of 19 Murray Drive, Glasgow G12 0SJ, widow of William David Cargill Thompson (Rangoon) mother of James, Helen and Judith and daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. A. Reed (St Anne's and Dedham).

CARRUTHERS – On 2nd December 1985 at Dormont, William Nigel 12th laird previously of Kuala Lumpur, Kelantan and Singapore. Loved husband of Paula. Funeral Service at Dalton Parish Church on Friday 6th December at 2.30 pm. Private interment thereafter.

CLEMORY. – On December 1st at Pirbright Hospital, Hitchen, Herts, Winifred Ruth (nee Walker) of Hatton East, near Skipton, Yorkshire. Dearly loved wife of Thomas, mother of Bill, Charles and John. Private cremation. No flowers by request. Enquiries and if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Chenery Funeral Services Ltd, 44 Bedford Road, Hitchen, Herts. Tel: 0462 34376.

CRITTEN – On December 3rd peacefully in London, Ann, widow of Harry Cir Critten, adored mother of Anthony, Michael, Philippa and Peter and devoted grandmother. Funeral in Wells on Friday December 6th. Requiem Mass at St. James RC Church, Spanish Place, 22 George Street on Wednesday December 4th at 4pm.

FELL – On December 2 1985, suddenly, John (Jack) Beaton Fell, MBE, of Widemarsh Mews, Hendcomb, Gloucester, dearly loved husband of Vera, father of Rosemary and Judith and grandfather of Leslie, Jane and Nicola. Family flowers only; enquiries and donations if desired to Norman Thomas and Hughes (Northleach, Glos, 0451 16 2280) for the Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham.

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GLAZEBROOK. – On November 30th, peacefully, Frederick Hilton, beloved husband of Eleanor and father of John and Nicholas. Family flowers only and if so desired, donations to St. Luke's Hospice, Winstanley. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Dalserre at 12pm 6th December 1985 followed by Cremation at Chester Crematorium.

GRENFELL. – Harry St. Leger, peacefully on 30th November. Funeral at Chelsea Old Church, Chelsea, at 3.15pm, on Friday, 6th December. No flowers.

HADOW – On November 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Maria, wife of Gordon, mother of Susan and Paul. Funeral service at St Michael's Catholic Church, South Petherton on Thursday, 5th December at 10am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. No letters please.

HAINES. – Rev Maurice Humphrey Colton, on November 29, 1985 at Orange over Sands, aged 79, husband of Rosemary, father of Catharine, Rosamund and Cressida.

HICKS – on November 30th, 1985, peacefully at home Geoffrey Alfred, aged 82, widower of Maisie Hicks and loved father of Cay, Dinah and Peter. Cremation at Charing, Kent, 11.30 Monday, 9th Dec. No flowers please, but donations, if desired to the memory to the Secretary, British Legion, 7 Broadlands Avenue, New Romney, Kent.

DEATHS

HORVAT, FAY – On November 28, peacefully in hospital in Cambridge after a long and painful illness, much loved wife, and mother of Bettina and Vicky. Funeral service at St Joan's Church, Hills Rd, Cambridge on Saturday December 7, 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Messrs Williams, 9 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

INCE – on November 30, 1985, aged 86 years, Norah, wife of the late Charles P. Ince, RBA, RI, much loved mother of Mary and devoted grandmother of Michael and Marianne. May she rest in peace. Funeral service at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, at 10.30am on Monday, December 9. Flowers may be sent to 17 Edwards Close, Denmead. Donations to Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, or The Ockenden Venture, please.

JONES.–On November 30th, peacefully, at Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, Surrey, Eric, age 59. Funeral service at St Stephen's Church, Shottermill, near Haslemere at 2.30 p.m., December 5th, followed by private cremation. Cut flowers or donations to Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, or The Ockenden Venture, please.

JONES. – On 2nd December after a short illness in hospital at Orpington, William Thomas aged 70. Much loved husband of Hetty Jones, father of Gerald and Barry, grandfather of Vanessa, Rachele and Niki. Director of Ernest Williams Drums Ltd of Shortlown, E16. Funeral service at St. Paulinus Church, Crayford, on Friday 6th December at 12 noon, followed by burial in the churchyard. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, Boundary Place, Sevenoaks Rd, Orpington, Kent. Tel: (66) 79236.

KEEN. – On 30 November, peacefully in her sleep at home at Marlow, Bucks, aged 89 years, Dorothy Keen, formerly headmistress of St. Luke's School, Kingston-on-Thames. Funeral at Amersham Crematorium at 3.30pm on Friday, 6 December. Family flowers only please. Donations to Oxfam.

KOMROWER. on December 2nd, 1985, suddenly, on the golf course, Arthur Geoffrey Komrower, DSO, TD, aged 70 years, of Little Heath, South Downs Drive, Hale, Cheshire, Darling husband of Diana, devoted brother of Gerard, a very loving father-in-law and grandfather of Lynn, Donald, Angela, Brian, Jane, Chris, and his seven grandchildren. Private cremation. Memorial service in Jacksons Row synagogue, Manchester, on Wednesday, 4th December, at 4.30. No flowers but donations. If desired, to the Samaritans, 87 Oldham Street, Manchester 4.

LILFORD. – On November 29th, suddenly and tragically at Nyazura, Doornfontein, near Harare, Zimbabwe, "Boss", Douglas Collard aged 77 in his beloved Africa. Husband of Dawn and Chesney. A great man who will be sadly missed by family and friends alike.

MAGGS – on December 3, 1985 peacefully, Henry Clifford, beloved husband of Agnes (Queenie) and much loved father of Janet and Marian. Private cremation. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 Memorial service to be announced.

MAYNARD.–On December 2nd, peacefully, at home, Kathleen, in her 88th year. Memorial service at St Mary's, Tichhurst, 12 noon, Friday, December 6th. No flowers.

MITCHELL – On 1st December, 1985, in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, James R. Mitchell, dearly loved husband of Kathleen and father of Ann, Jeremy and Robert. Funeral service at Little Eaton Parish Church on Friday 6th December at 1.30pm to be followed by cremation. No flowers, but if friends so wish, donations to Linton Church Roof Fund may be sent to H. J. Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge.

NARLIAN – On December 2 1985, Ivy Constance, peacefully in her sleep. Much loved mother of Sandra, Cath and Kevin, grandmother of Nicola, Melanie, Julian, Jennifer, Simon, Robin, Tracey and Richard. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium on December 9 at 12noon.

O'NEIL. – Katharine Isobel, suddenly at home in Birchington, Kent, on 30 November, aged 74, of All Saints, Birchington, on Friday 6 December at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation at Margate Crematorium. Donations to USPG, 15 Tufton St., SW1.

PRYSE–DAVIES – David, suddenly at his home on November 29, 1985, aged 58 years. Much loved husband of Gillian. Funeral service Monday, December 9 in Talley Church, Dyfed, at 12 noon. A memorial service will be arranged at a later date in Kidlington. Please contact Co-op Funeral Dept., Hundred Street, Oxford, re flowers, or donations if desired to RNLI.

ROTHSCHILD. – On November 30, 1985, peacefully, Herman Charles, of 77 Pont Street, Knightsbridge, SW1, aged 80.

SARSON. – On 2nd December in Farnham, David Sarson, brother of Desmond and the late Hilary. Cremation private, no letters please.

SCARFE. – (née Ryder). On December 2, 1985, peacefully at her home in Jevington, Sussex, Joan Mary Scarfe, a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday, December 9, at 11am. Cut flowers only please to Haine & Son Ltd, 19 South St, Eastbourne. Memorial services at Seaford and St Albans to be notified.

SMITH – Audrey Margaret, née Quelch, of Caterham, Surrey, on November 30th, after a long illness bravely with very great courage. Beloved wife of Cecil and loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Cremation at Worth on Monday 9th December at 10.30 am. Cut flowers please or if preferred, donations to Marie Curie Foundation which would much appreciated. Enquiries to B. C. Baker, 15 High Street, Caterham. Tel: Caterham 43219.

TAPPENDEN, PETER FRANCIS.–Devoted and loving husband of Priscilla (Cilla), only son of Mollie, of Eltham, Kent, and the late George Tappenden and father of Alice and Jane, peacefully, on 1st December, in a hospice. Thanksgiving service Putney Vale, 3.15 p.m., Friday, 6th December. All welcome.

TERRY – On December 2nd, 1985, peacefully at home, Eric Bowman Terry of Durham Manor, Cheshire, beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral private and please no letters or flowers. Enquiries: John Cook & Co. Ashton & Co. Tel: 061 – 928 7816.

TOWLER. – On November 30, in hospital, aged 85 years, Mary, of Sunnyside Farm, Dob Park, near Otley. Dearly loved wife of the late Frank Towler, very dear mother of James, mother in law of Muriel, and loving granny of Angus. Service and cremation will take place at Rawdon Crematorium, near Leeds, on Monday, December 9, at 11am. Flowers if so desired may be sent to H Eaton & Sons, Bolton Bridge Road, Ilkley or to Rawdon Crematorium.

WALTER.–On 30th November, suddenly, William Patrick Darby, aged 24, beloved son of Nelson and the late Jillian Walter and very splendid brother to Jamie, Sarah and Nicholas. Funeral 12 noon, Friday, 6th December, St Peter's Catholic Church, Lovel Lane, Bedford. Donations to Green and Co, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, by 10.00 a.m.

WELFORD – on November 29, Dorothy at St Stephen's Hospital, London, SW10. Formerly of Old Church Street. Service at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk at 2pm Friday, December 6, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Sadly missed by all her friends. Flowers to J H Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London, W8.

WHYTOCK. – On December 1st, 1985, peacefully in St Francis Hospital, Littlehampton, after a brief illness, Edward Ian Whytock, aged 76, of Goring-by-sea. Dearly beloved uncle and great uncle. He will be sadly missed by his very many friends. Flowers and enquiries to Dallisons, Tel: Worthing 200835.

WOODCOCK. – on November 28, peacefully at Lockerley, Mary Gertrude, aged 68. Daughter of the late Lt. Col. W.C.M. Woodcock (Indian Army), she will be remembered with much affection in the Winchester area. Funeral at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel) at 12 noon, Thursday, December 5. Enquiries to: A. H. Chester, Romsey 513393.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FRASER. – Rosemary A. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life and work of Rosemary Fraser will be held at All Saints Church, Marlow, at 3.30pm on December 18, 1985. All colleagues and friends who wish to attend will be welcome. Donations to Rosemary Fraser Memorial Fund, c/o Barclays, Oxford Hospitals Branch, High Wycombe.

ST CLAIR ERSKINE. – The memorial service for the Hon David St Clair Erskine will take place at 2.15 tomorrow, on Thursday, 5th December, at St Mary's, Castogan Street, London, SW3.

YATES. – A Memorial Service will be held at Mells Church, Somerset, on Thursday, 12th December at 2.30pm for the late John Yates, M.A., Curate of St. Bridget's, West Kirby, who died on the 16th November 1985 aged 80 years.

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TURNSTALL, MAVIS TURNSTALL, Solicitor late of Parkside Hospital, Victoria Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire died at Prestbury, Cheshire on 16th August 1984 (Estate about £11,000).

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6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Margi Clarke and Alexandra Pigg, stars of Letter to Brezhnev, Lucinda Lambton, and, via satellite, Nancy Sinatra. Music is provided by Colonel Abrams.

7.35 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) starring Sidney James and Joan Sims. The usual standard of Carry On humour, this time concerning a beauty contest organised by a seaside town's council. With Kenneth Connor, Barbara Windsor and Bernard Bresslaw. Directed by Gerald Thomas.

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 Soldiers. This week's programme in the series tracing the history of fighting men highlights the Commanders and includes profiles of Marlborough, Wellington, Napoleon, Lee, Manstein and Montgomery (Ceefax).

10.15 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider from the Royal Albert Hall where Britain's European Heavyweight champion Frank Bruno takes on the American Larry Frazier. Joining Harry Carpenter at the ringside is Alan Minter. Plus, a preview of the BBC's Sports Review of the Year and a list of the candidates for Sports Personality of the Year 1985.

11.30 *Kelly Monteith. The last of the* present in which the comedian from the United States takes a wry look at life on this side of the Atlantic, with help from, among others, John Barron and Enn Reitel (r).

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; Tom Tickell's moneytalk at 6.48; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Gyles Brandreth's video report at 8.34; health care with Miriam Stoppard at 8.12.

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9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: how outside factors can cause a family rift. 10.00 An introduction to various political systems. 10.20 A magazine-style programme for German language students. 10.35 Chinese workers in a town near the Mongolian border. 11.00 A history of whaling. 11.17 *Different attitudes to* marriage. 11.34 A discussion on the possibility of getting back to full employment.

12.00 Orm and Cheep. A puppet programme about a small bird and a worm (r). 12.10 Our Backyard where pins are recovered with help from a magnet. For the very young.

12.30 Ralph McTell's Streets of London. A profile of St James's Street.

1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Recipes using fish and fowl.

3.00 Take the High Road. Drama series set on the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Orm and Cheep. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r). 4.15 The Krazy Kitchen with Stu Francis, Carole-Ann Rice, Jimmy Cricket and Bronski Beat. 4.40 Danger – Marmalade At Work. (Oracle). 5.00 Alias the Jester.

5.15 World Cup Special. Highlights of the match played this morning in Melbourne between Australia and Scotland.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with names of local groups in the Thames area who need volunteers to help put on special Christmas events.

6.35 Crossroads. Miranda dashes Benny's hopes.

7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews speaks those Heart-stopping words to another unsuspecting worthy.

7.30 Coronation Street. Audrey has a problem to sort out while Ivy is prepared to sacrifice her principles (Oracle).

8.00 Full House. Tonight, Murray realises too late that it was a wrong decision to ask Paul to be his best man (Oracle).

8.30 Girls on Top. Comedy series starring Tracey Ullman, Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders and Ruby Wax as four girls sharing a flat owned by Lady Carlton (Joan Greenwood). Last of the series (Oracle) (r).

9.00 Minder: A Star is Born. Arthur sees himself as the 'Brian Einstein of West One' when a master tape of a dead pop star falls into his hands (r) (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten and weather, followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Film: Special Bulletin (1983) starring Ed Flanders. A made-for-television drama about an unidentified group who demand a television network's airtime to let it be known that they are holding hostages in exchange for nuclear warheads that they want detonated at sea. Directed by Edward Zwick.

12.40 Night Thoughts.



Marie Dressler: Tugboat Annie, Channel 4, 2.30 pm

● **PLAYING THE GAME**, this week's film in the *Queens': A Cambridge College* series (BBC 2, 8.20pm) examines in some detail various subjects not to be found in the university's formal curriculum. How to get a willing girl to jump into a male student's sleeping bag, and how to twang her suspender belt. And how to balance the Christian ethic to be found in the hymn *Gentle Jesus, meek and mild* with the push-and-shove aggression of the rugby field. The former matters only to those undergraduates who must go through these rituals before they can become members of the all-male Kangaroo Club, a rowdy grouping dedicated to the ideal of drinking, dining and playing the fool. The latter matters to Kangaroos such as John Downs, pillar of the university's Christian Union and *proficient quaffer of yards of ale,*

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who hopes to be picked to play in the 102nd Varsity Match at Twickenham. At the college's end-of-Michaelmas term carol service, he hits on a neat way of reconciling his divergent allegiances to Church and Kangaroo, though not Church and scrum, by reading the Lesson in a Kangaroo Club tie.

● **FEAR OF FLYING** (Channel 4, 8.30pm), Anna Coote's *Diverse Reports* investigation into airline safety standards, might well have the effect of making some of us hesitate before buying our next airline ticket. The statistics are horrifying, and the tales of transatlantic pilots snoozing at the controls are enough to make our hair stand on end. But the film offers *a way out of all the doom and* gloom. A poll it carried out shows that 67 per cent of passengers are prepared to pay more to fly if safety standards – eroded through tougher competition and shrinking profits – can be improved. Make safety a selling point, the film urges. Even Qantas, the world's safest airline, jibs at doing this.

● **CORONATION STREET** (ITV, 7.30pm), which has wasted too much time lately on footling concerns such as Audrey Potter's shameless pursuit of Alf Roberts and Jack Duckworth's secret arrangements for putting money on the gee-gees, is now redeeming itself by developing the Ivy Tilsley conflict (shall she abandon her Roman Catholic principles so that she can marry the divorced George Wardle?) along lines that recall the days when *Coronation Street* had *no peers.* **Peter Davalle**

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.25 Daytime on Two: Jimmy Savile presents the last programme in his safety first series. 9.38 Science: glittering fabrics. 10.00 For four and five-year-olds. 10.15 Maths: thirds and quarters. 10.38 Maths: statistics. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 The senses. 11.40 The problems of shyness. 12.10 The last programme in the series tracing the evolution of the landscape.

12.35 Lesson ten of the swimming course for beginners. 1.00 Maths for adults studying for O-levels. 1.15 A working day in the life of a council's three young employees. 1.38 The development of radio and television and satellite broadcasting. 2.00 A puppet version of Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. 2.18 Walrus. 2.40 Do-it-Yourself animation.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.25 News Summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 The Allotment Show. Henry Noblett and Ron McParlin solve a number of vegetable problems and report on scientific developments designed to assist amateur gardeners (First shown on BBC North East).

6.00 Film: The Vikings (1958) starring Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. *Wonderfully filmed piece of* tosh, set in the ninth century, about two half-brothers who are rivals for the hand of a captive princess. Directed by Richard Fleischer.

7.50 Out of Court presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook. This week's edition includes the results of a survey among 30 prison governors about the problem of overcrowding; and a report from New York's Sing Sing prison on how they are coping with the problem of Aids among the inmates.

8.20 Queens': A Cambridge College. This week's episode in the documentary series about life at the Light Blue college examines the sportsmen and in particular those bucks who belong to the Kangaroos, a dining and drinking club exclusively for sportsmen, membership of which entails a bizarre initiation ceremony. Among the members is a prop forward, Big John, who finds it difficult to reconcile his aggression on the field with his Christian charity. There is also a film of Queens' rugby team playing a game against Jesus who boast Prince Edward in their line-up. (see Choice).

9.00 Film: Strikebound (1983) starring Chris Haywood and Carol Burns. The Australian season continues with this drama, based on fact, about the country's first strike – during the Thirties at the Sunbeam coal mine. Directed by Richard Lowenstein.

10.40 Newsnight. 11.35 Weather.

CHANNEL 4

8.45 World Cup Football. Live coverage of the match in Melbourne between Australia and Scotland. The commentator is Martin Tyler. Ends at approximately 11.00, but later if extra time.

2.30 Film: Tugboat Annie* (1933) starring Marie Dressler in the title role in this vintage comedy based on the magazine stories about a tugboat captain, her wayward husband and family. Directed by Mervyn Leroy.

4.00 A Plus 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with V. S. Prichett.

4.30 Countdown. The new challenger is economics student, Julian Hough.

5.00 Alice. The Phoenix, Arizona, diner waitress comes to the aid of a colleague who has to leave her job because she has become addicted to daytime soap operas.

5.30 World of Animation presented by Richard Evans. A Russian-made short, Film! Film! Film!, satirizing film-making.

6.00 Father's Day. Lyall discovers that it is almost impossible to take a decent family photograph.

6.30 Looking Into Paintings. Part four of the six-programme series designed to enhance the enjoyment of visiting museums and art galleries, and Norbert Lynton, Professor of Fine Art at the University of Sussex, argues that abstract art is not always obscure. (Oracle).

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is taken by Shirley Williams, president of the SDP.

8.00 Weather.

8.00 *On the March.* The penultimate programme in the series tracing the history of Time Life's cinema news magazine The March of Time. This evening's edition examines how Britain's problems of 1938 were interpreted on news film.

8.30 Diverse Reports: Fear of Flying. Anna Coote, a self-confessed fearful flyer, investigates the claim that 'flying is the safest form of travel'. (see Choice).

9.00 Mighty Moments from World History. The final programme of the series in which The National Theatre of Brent re-enact turning points in history, and Desmond and Bernard turn their attentions to Boadicea and her role in the AD61 uprising against the Romans.

9.50 Edible Gold. Christopher Logue reads poems of his choice with Liane Aukin.

10.00 Film: Innocence Unprotected (black and white and colour) (1968). From the Robinson's Choice season, an unusual work interspersing clips from an old film with interviews with the original cast, 30 years on. Directed by Dusan Makavejew.

11.30 Naked City* An overwrought divorcee leads a jewel salesman to tragedy. Ends at 12.20.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 *News briefing.* 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves. Conversation with studio guests.

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Experts tackle listeners' questions (r).

10.30 Morning Story: Pictures by Rahila Khan. Reader: Shireen Shah.

10.45 *Daily Service. Advent Calendar:* The Promised Deliverer.

11.00 News; Travel; The Innocent Abroad. A portrait of Mark Twain. With James Grout as the writer. Written by James Munson, and narrated by Brian Gear (r).†

11.48 Enquire Within. Neil Landor tackles listeners' questions.

12.00 News; You and Yours. With John Howard.

12.27 Johnson and Chippet (new series) Hugh Walpole's characters, the two who set up a business to dispose of tiresome people for their clients, are *played by Bernard Hepton and* David Timson (r).† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (Social Democratic Party).

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Womans Hour. Includes an interview with Geoffrey Smith, the gardener and broadcaster. Also episode seven of Breath Of Life, read by Margaret Tyzack.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Status Passage, by J. C. Wilsher. With Clive Swift, Ann Beach and Alaric Cotter. *The story of the death of a* useless teacher, and why his body is popped into the deep freeze.

3.47 Time for Verse. Poems based on the theme "The Sting of Comfort". Presenter: Anne Stevenson. The readers are John Church and Bonnie Hurren.

4.00 News.

4.05 File on 4. A second chance to hear last night's edition, in which the Irish affairs expert David McKittrick examines the Anglo-Irish Agreement (r).

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: The English Vision. Michael Oliver surveys current books and exhibitions which offer differing interpretations of the English landscape.

5.00 PM: News magazine.

5.58 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Music. Steve Race chairs the panel game. With John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Benny Green.†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 In Business. Peter Smith on business in Britain today.

7.45 The Reith Lectures 1985. The fifth of David Henderson's six talks about the influence of economic ideas on policy. Tonight: DIYE plus the Lobbies: Counting the cost.

8.15 *You'll Never be 16 Again.* Youth culture since the war, traced in montage documentary from (4) Instant Karma.†

9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre. Blue Heaven by Rosalind Corfe and Daphne Epton. With Tim Pigott-Smith and Emma Piper (r).†

9.30 The Enthusiasts. Alan Smith burrows between the covers, with some bookworms.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Christopher Cook presents the arts magazine. Includes comment on David Mamet's Edmond at the Royal Court; the book Samuel Butler's Notebooks, and the film A Zed and two Noughts. Also, the record called A Tribute to Kurt Weill.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Palace of Green Days by Fred Urquhart (6). Reader: Gwyneth Guthrie. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00am For Schools. 11.00 Music Workshop.† 11.25 Junior Drama Workshop.† 11.45 Radio Club. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 *Looking at Nature.* † 2.20 Discovery. 2.40 Pictures in Your Mind. 2.50 Something to Think About. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10pm Schools Night-Time Broadcasting. Help Yourself to Biology – Human Physiology. 12.30 The Pump at Work – and in Trouble. 12.50 Wiping the *Slate* Clean – Liver and Kidneys.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Rameau's overture Zais (La Petite Bande); Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Choir of King's College, Cambridge and soloists including James Bowman counter-tenor); Janitsch's Quartet in F (Parnassus Ensemble); *Telemann's Overture in D* (Vienna Concentus Musicus). † 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert: (contd): Haydn's Quartet in D, Op 64 (Salomon String Quartet); Messiaen's La merle noir (Milan, flute/Benson, piano); Warlock's The Curlew (Ian Partridge, tenor/Music Group of London).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: Haydn's contemporaries. Pleyel's Symphonie concertante in F (Cologne Chamber Orchestra); Dussek's Rondo on O dear, what can the matter be? (Cuskston, piano); Wranitzky's Symphony in C (Hungarian Chamber Orchestra. †

10.00 Stokowski and the Philadelphia: Weber's Invitation to the Dance; Brahms's Symphony No 3; Bach's Chorale, Prelude: Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ, arranged by Stokowski. †

10.50 London Oboe Trio: Krommer's Trio in F; and Charles Dakin's Autol .†

11.20 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Lappard). Mendelssohn's overture A Midsummer Night's Dream;, Dvorak's Symphony No 7.

12.15 Concert Hall: Paul Barritt (violin). Susan Tomes (piano). Prokofiev's Five Melodies. Op 35; Beethoven's Sonata in G, Op 96.† 1.00 News.

1.05 *Jelly Roll Morton:* Charles Fox presents the third of three programmes about the jazz pianist and composer.

1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra (under Hilary Davan Wetton), with Colin Fleming (flute), Michael McGuffin (piano). Ravel's Fanfare (l'Eventail de Jeanne); Saint-Saens's overture La princesse jaune; Faure's Fantaisie, Op 79; Roussel's Sinfonietta for string orchestra, Op 52; Gaubert's Nocturne and Allegro scherzando for flute and piano; Ladmirault's Reverie a l'aube; Milhaud's ballet music Le boeuf sur le toit.†

2.30 Chopin Ballades: Frank Wibaut (piano). The No 1 G minor, Op 23; No 2 in F, Op 38; No 3 in A flat, Op 47; No 4 in F minor, Op 52.†

3.05 The Elements: Academy of Ancient Music (under Hogwood). Destouches's Les elements. Rebel's Les elements. †

4.00 Choral Evensong: live relay from Salisbury cathedral. † 4.45. News.

5.00 Gabrieli's Canzon personare, No 4 (Chamber Harmony of Paris); Bourgeois's Quintet for flute, harp and string trio (Syrinx); S S Wesley's anthem The Wilderness (Southwark Cathedral Choir); Glinka's Viola Sonata in D minor (Tolpygo, viola/Sevidov, piano); Gil Evans's The Barbara Story (Gil Evans Orchestra); John Adams's Harmonium (San *Francisco SO and Chorus);* Schumann's Carnaval (Solomon, piano).†

7.00 Bach on Record: Amsterdam Concertgebouw (under Mengelberg) play the Suite No 2 in B minor, BWV 1067.†

7.30 Sir John Oldcastle: play by Michael Drayton and others, adapted for radio by Brett Usher. With Bernard Hepton, Joss Ackland, Anton Lesser, Hilda Schroder and Hugh Dickson (r). †

9.25 Schubert: Quintet in A major, D 667 (The Trout), played by members of the Brandis Quartet, with Wolfgang Sawallisch (piano)†

10.10 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

10.30 Prokofiev: Scottish National play the Symphony No 4 in the original 1930 version †

11.00 Manchester Chamber Concerts: Martin Roscoe (piano). Includes Beethoven's Sonata in E, Wagner's Liebestod, from Tristan und Isolde, transcribed by Liszt. †

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desk 1.05 pm, 2.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (MF) only, 9.55. 4.00 Colin Berry.† 8.00 *Ray Moore.†* 8.05 *Ken Bruce.†* 10.30 Angela Rippon.† 1.05 David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford.† 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Syd Lawrence in Concert.† 8.45 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band).† 9.15 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester with The London Brass Virtuosi. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Flying Pickets. 10.15 Tom Mennard tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. At 6.30, the Top 30. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.†

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Just A Minute. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Brotherhood of Brass. 10.00 News. 10.01 Omnibus. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Operatic Encounters. 11.25 A Letter From Wales. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Hubert Gregg Remembers. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 *Radio Newsreel.* 3.15 A Future for the Industrial Past. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Wales. 5.00 News. 5.15 Monitor. 5.30 News Ideas. 5.40 Book Choice. 5.50 News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 6.15 Album Time. 6.45 Recording of the Week. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Wales. 10.30 *Financial News.* 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Two Cheers for November . . . 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Tudors. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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BBC 1 Wales

9.20am-9.45 Mastermeam. 9.45-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Juice. 12.00-12.45am Film 85. 12.45-12.50 News and weather. Scotland: 10.15-10.30am Gloma Gochd. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 12.00-12.05 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-6.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 *Mr Smith.* 1.20–1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Aeroplanes Bite Fools. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 12.25am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Nothing but the Best. 6.00-6.35 Today South West. 12.25am Postscript. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Whiskers and Wet Noses. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.25am Healing the Wholeness, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Glenroe. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.00 Three Little Words. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.25am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Fifty, Fifty. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 10.36am About Wales. 10.51-11.00 Spiders – Backyard Science. 11.17-11.32 Looking Forward. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 2.00 Who's the Boss? 2.30-3.00 Seventeen Plus. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.06 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.25am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35 Film: Up in Arms (Danny Kaye). 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Regrets. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00-6.35 Northern Life. 12.25am What Do You Mean by God?, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Short Story Theatre. 2.00-2.30 Problem Page. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.25am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.25am News, Closedown.

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CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Nothing but the Best. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Barnstormers. 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Just our Luck. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Tucker's Witch. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.25am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.25am Closedown.

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CONCERTS

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ALBERY 01-836 3878 CC 379 6565 CC 379 6433, 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123, 836 3962. Eves Mats Fri 7.15, Tue 6.00 & 9.00. ANTONY SHER Nominated for ACTOR OF THE YEAR Olivier Awards 1985 in HENRY V (RSC) "BRILLIANTLY FURIOUS" Obs. TORCH SONG TRILOGY Nightly PLAY OF THE YEAR Olivier Awards 1985

ALDWYCH THEATRE 01-836 6404/6441 01-379 6233 CC accepted

LAST 2 WEEKS GLENDA JACKSON Robert Eddison George Innis Gerard Murphy Fred Pearson and Tim Woodward in PHEDRA PRODUCTION TRAGEDY OF "SUPERB CLASSIC VENGEANCE, DESTRUCTIVE PASSION AND THE REVELATION OF THE SOUL IT INCLUDES IN PHILIP PROWSE'S SETTING" D Mail "ONE OF THE MOST SHATTERING COUPS DE THEATRE I'VE BEEN IN LONDON" S Exp Mon-Fri 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 OLIVIER AWARD NOMINATION PHILIP PROWSE Designer of the year

AMBASSADORS THEATRE, West St, WC2. 01-836 6111. CC 01-836 1171/01 741 9999 Grp Sales 01-930 6123. Eves Mon-Fri at 8 pm. Thurs Mat 2.45 pm. Sats 6 pm & 8.45 pm.

THE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY DENDALE LEA CARDEW HOLLAND JOHN QUAYLE CAROL STEPHEN HAWKINS LESLIE GARLAND and GEOFFREY SUMNER in WIFE BEGINS AT FORTY A delightful new comedy Sat Eve perfs sold out until mid Jan.

APOLLO THEATRE cc 437 2663/4 434 3598/9. 24hr 7 day cc bookings First Call 240 7200. PENELOPE KEITH MARK KINGSTON in THE DRAGON'S TAIL "Funny & entertaining" City Limits A new play by Douglas Watkinson Directed by Michael Rudman Eves Mon-Fri 7.30 Thurs Mat 3.00 Sats 5.0 & 8.15. Group Sales 01-930 6123

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BONNIE LANGFORD JOSS ACKLAND in J. M. BARRIE'S PETER PAN THE MUSICAL Grp Sales 01-930 6123 & CC 24hrs inc Sun 01-741 9999.

BARBICAN 01-628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

BARBICAN THEATRE from 12 Dec AS YOU LIKE IT "an evening to delight the heart" D Tel.

THE PIT from 11 Dec MELONS a new play by Bernard Pomerance (by arrangement with The Elephant Man. RSC also at Comedy.

BUSH THEATRE 743 3588. A PRAYER FOR WINOS by Sean Mathias. Tonight 8pm.

COMEDY S 930 2578 CC 839 1438 Keith Prowse 741 9999 240 7200 7 day/24 hr. Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8.0. Wed Mat 3.0. Sats 5.0 & 8.30. "Tremendous entertainment" Times ROYAL SHAKESPEARE CO's CAMILLE by Pam Gems. Pic Ron Daniels "THERE IS NOTHING TO BEAT THIS" Times "BRILLIANTLY MAGNIFICENT" Guardian "A MARVELLOUS" City Limits "A COMPELLING EVENING" N Standard. RSC also at the Barbican

COTTESLOE S 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's second auditorium). Previews Tues 7.30. Tomor 7.30 & Dec 6 to 9. Opens Dec 10. Then Dec 11 & Dec 20 to 23 THE CHERRY ORCHARD by Chekhov.

CRITERION S 930 3216. CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8.00 Mat Thurs 2.30, Sat 5.30 and 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK GRIFFITHS DAVID GARETH HUNT LINDA HAYDEN HELEN GILL DAVID MASTERMAN GREGORY PHILLIPS RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/6433. E

Steeplechase rider's high hopes of victory are brought down to earth



Rider unseated by Stray Shot: Richard Rowe took the last fence in the Wally Coomes Handicap Steeplechase at Fontwell yesterday leading the field; but Stray Shot decided to jump through rather than over the fence. After a few minutes on the ground Rowe walked back to the weighing room with nothing damaged, apart from his pride (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Misdeeds of a minority

Thatcher warns City over fraud

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister has expressed concern that the international standing of the City of London might be hit by the fraud and misdeeds of a small minority.

In a letter to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, she said that the Government is determined to set up a strong combination of statutory powers of self-regulation under the forthcoming Financial Services Bill.

"I believe that this will be the most effective guarantee that high standards will be enforced, with the maximum scope for honest enterprise".

But Mrs Margaret Thatcher also said that she shared Mr Steel's concern "at the damage which the misdemeanours of a few people can do to the reputation of the City".

Against a background of mounting political concern at city fraud allegations, raised by the Johnson Matthey Bankers' affair and the Lloyd's insurance market investigations into the Peter Cameron-Webb (PCW) syndicate and the Alexander Howden insurance broking group, MPs of all parties will pay careful attention to the new legislation on City regulations.

Mrs Thatcher pointedly told the Lord Mayor's banquet, at Guildhall, last month: "The City is, as it always has been, only as healthy as its reputation. That reputation is in your hands." But she told Mr Steel: "Rumours of wrongdoing are not evidence".

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, said in a written Commons reply last night that the Reskill Committee, which is examining improvements that can be made in the complex are of fraud prosecution, had "reached the final stages of its deliberation and a report is expected in the near future".

Mrs Thatcher said, however, that the burden of evidential proof was "inescapable".

The Prime Minister said: "That is one reason why we think it is so important to harness to the new enforcement system the knowledge and commitment of the leading financial organizations in the City."

Mr Steel told her in a letter yesterday that he doubted the adequacy of self-regulation. "In order to settle widespread doubts on this matter I would appreciate knowing, as a matter of urgency, the strength of the steps which you propose to take to deal with the miasma or rumour which now surrounds respected City institutions."

Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP who has led the Commons campaign on JMB, PCW and Alexander Howden fraud allegations, said last night that he was amazed that the Director of Public Prosecutions was unable to obtain key elements of evidence.

Internal hearings into the cases of five people involved in Alexander Howden were completed a year ago, and hearings into PCW, involving six people, were completed last January. The DPP has been unable to get transcripts of evidence given at those hearings because under Lloyd's byelaw Number Six, such hearings are private.

Lloyd's chairman denies freemason accusation

Mr Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, yesterday hit back strongly at allegations made by Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch (Alison Eadie writes).

Speaking on Radio Four, Mr Miller described Mr Sedgemore's call for his resignation as absurd.

He also denied he was a member of the Lutine lodge of freemasons at Lloyd's and said he did not know if Sir Peter Green, the former Lloyd's chairman, was a member. He did not say if he was a member of any other Lloyd's lodge.

Mr Sedgemore had called on the Director of Public Prosecutions to ensure that no member of the investigation into the PCW scandal was a freemason.

Mr Miller described Lloyd's as an example of the success of self-regulation in action. "We are having to clear up the messes of the past and we are doing so with great firmness."

Defiant call by wife of Mandela

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Although soldiers manned a checkpoint on the road into Mamelodi, the police kept their side of the bargain and the funeral passed off peacefully, lending credence to the claim of township residents that the mere presence of the police often provokes violence.

Diplomats from at least nine countries, including Britain, sent representatives to the funeral. A letter from Mr Patrick Moberly, the British Ambassador, to the funeral committee, expressed sympathy with the people of Mamelodi and other townships near Pretoria.

Witnesses say that on November 21 the police, without adequate warning, fired tear-gas cannisters at a crowd of 50,000 people demonstrating against, among other things, high rents, and then opened fire as they ran away.

Meanwhile, President Botha announced the lifting of the state of emergency in five magisterial districts in the Eastern Cape and three in the Johannesburg area and northern Orange Free State.

GEC offers merger terms to Plessey

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years it has been steered by the Clark dynasty. There have been no signs recently of any inclination by Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive, and his brother, Mr Michael Clark, who is deputy chairman and deputy chief executive, to accept anything like a takeover.

BT also said last night it was still assessing what was happening.

The announcement came yesterday after Mr James Prior, GEC's chairman, had called on Sir John to say that his board was prepared to pay 160p a share for Plessey. It was made by Lord Weinstock, GEC's chief executive, who in the Sixties was the architect of rationalization in the electrical industry, when GEC was put together with AEI and English Electric.

Lord Weinstock would not say whether GEC would push ahead with a takeover bid if Plessey resisted the call to consider the combination of the two companies.

The move pushed up the value of both companies on the stock market, GEC's climbing £322 million to just under £5 billion, while Plessey's rose £276 million to £1,262.7 million.

Yesterday GEC announced interim financial results which showed a 13 per cent fall in pretax profits to £289 million. There was a poor performance in electronic components systems and a dull one in telecommunications.

Plessey's recent interim results showed sales up but profits down. Its extensive cash balances were still being eroded, down to £79 million.

- A merger of GEC and Plessey would create a company whose defence activities would not be much smaller than those of British Aerospace, the largest defence contractor in the country (Our Defence Correspondent writes).
- The £933 million offer for sale of shares in Cable and Wireless was launched formally yesterday. The Government is selling its remaining 22.7 per cent stake in the company at 587p a share. The prospectus for the offer will be published in *The Times* tomorrow.

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Backers of obscenity Bill hopeful

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Nicholas Bonsor, who finished sixth and who had originally announced a Bill on obscene publications, persuaded him to introduce a Bill himself because of his higher priority.

There is believed to be growing support in all parties for efforts to curb the incidence of gratuitous and explicit scenes of sex and violence on television. The Prime Minister spoke on Saturday of the damaging effect on young people of such scenes.

- The BBC's committee of senior programme makers responsible for drawing up its 32-page guidance notes for the portrayal of violence is to meet again to review the document, probably later this month.
- Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, has complained to the Independent Broadcasting Authority over the showing by Channel Four last month of two films by the British director Derek Jarman, *Jubilee* and *Sebastiane*, which she said "grossly offended against good taste and decency and could incite violence."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend a dinner given by the Prime Minister to mark the 250th anniversary of 10 Downing Street, 8.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans, holds a reception at Buckingham Palace, 6.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court and has lunch with the members of the Joint Committee, 10.45.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, attends a board meeting of Business of the Community, to be held at Lloyds Bank, 71 Lombard Street, EC3, 11.

The Princess of Wales names the yacht for the British Challenge for the America's Cup on the river Hamble, Hants, 11.30; in the evening she attends the Salvation Army Carol Service at Central Hall, Westminster, SW1, 6.45.

The Duke of Gloucester opens the new Central Library in Reading, Berks, 10.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends the Order of St John Gala Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Park Lane, W1, 8.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, attends the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust Lecture at the Royal Society of Arts, 5.55.

New exhibitions

Christmas exhibition, including blown glass, ceramics, jewelry and paintings by gallery artists; Ogle Gallery, 12 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Jan 4, 1986).

Christmas paintings by Falmouth schoolchildren, Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Falmouth, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun (ends Jan 10, 1986).

Music

Civic carol concert by the Band and Choir of the Salvation Army, the Hexagon, Queens Walk, Reading, 7.30.

Coppers for Kids – charity concert by the Band of the Lancashire Constabulary and the Gwent Police Choir, King George's Hall, Blackburn, 8.

Handel's Roman Vespers by the Richard Hickox Singers and the City of London Sinfonia, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Concert by the Archduke Trio, Belvoir, Leicester University, 1.10.

Concert by the University Choir, Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall, York University, 8.

Concert by the Lindsay String Quartet, King's Hall, Newcastle University, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Bird art and illustration by Robert Gillmor, Campus West Theatre, Welwyn Garden City, 7.30 for 8.

Fancy dress by Anthea Jarvis, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston, 7.30.

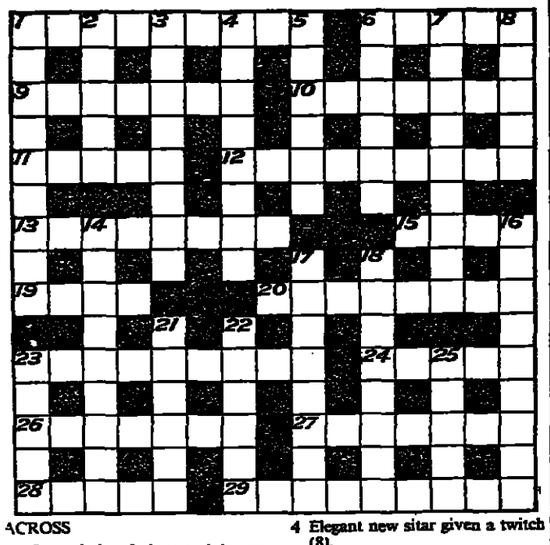
Ronsard and the poetic tradition of love by Dr Malcolm Quainton, Room 149, Elvet Riverside Lecture Rooms, Stage 1, New Elvet, Durham University, 10am.

Mature, unqualified students in universities and colleges by Alice Griffin, Room B4:4, Humanities II Building, Manchester University, 6.

Landscape evolution in the Scottish Highlands: geological and geomorphological evidence by Dr Hall, Grant Institute of Geology, Edinburgh University, King's Building, West Mains Road, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Lecture by Max Hastings, the war correspondent, at the Economic and Social History Society, Leicester University, Library Seminar Room, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,911



ACROSS

1 Commission furious activity on Evans's ship (9).
6 Wicket very old, but carried on (5).
9 Record fine alters set rate (7).
10 The paper work in Japanese art (7).
11 Sound trade in brown paper (5).
12 Daughter in Sikh home wrongly held by Arabs (9).
13 Defence for a petty officer takes a line by false lago (8).
15 Report from the fringe (4).
19 Dress with a purple border, perhaps (4).
20 The seamy side of a miner's work (4-4).
23 Clashes on hair style for tea-parties (3-6).
24 Right about the priest being fired again (5).
26 I'm bored to bits by a platitudinous person (7).
27 Don't start a scrap, that's the thing (7).
28 Tongue in gelatine (5).
29 Without peers, the box is empty (9).

DOWN

1 This may be taken to end Lent (9).
2 Naval base the Romans added to is a ruin now (5).
3 Seat from which one can rise quickly (8).
4 Elegant new sitar given a twitch (8).
5 Runaway king is by the up-terminal (6).
6 Why is potassium dropped in the drink? (6).
7 Big Daddy, originator of Edmund Gosse's book? (9).
8 Is democrat without natural religion? (5).
14 High church source of music (5-4).
16 The quality of Britain, big head! (9).
17 Emperor in the east has left without changing (8).
18 The Spanish King is in the *Channel? How weird* (8).
21 Servile type's size (6).
22 Indifference to humour (6).
23 Bowled over third man – what a scene of confusion! (5).
25 The profit motive can be cruel (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,910

FAÇADE SPARKLER
RHR S RO A O
ADAMANT ELASTIC
N R M I S D T K
COMEACROSSCITY
H E B G H C
INDULGE ACHIEVE
S A Y N E N
EXPANSE GOOSEND
L K R A D L
SLAP AGGRANDISE
W U R A S T S
ENDORSE ITALICS
E L A E L N O L
PETULANT STINGY

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Butler, by Terence Penelhum (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £18.95)
Dickens and Popular Entertainment, by Paul Schlicke (Allen & Unwin, £12.95)
Emigrants and Exiles, Ireland and the Irish Exodus to North America, by Kerby A. Miller (Oxford, £25)
Freedom at a Price, an Englishwoman's life in Czechoslovakia, by Rosemary Kavan (Verso, £9.95)
Hobson-Jobson, a glossary of colloquial Anglo-Indian words and phrases, by Henry Yule and A.C. Burnell, foreword by Anthony Burgess (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £18.95)
Living Creation, by Francis Warner (Colin Smythe, £6.95)
No 10 Downing Street, the story of a house, by Christopher Jones (BBC, £10.95)
The Life of Ernst Chain, Penicillin and Beyond, by Ronald W. Clark (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95)
The Rise of the Gothic, by William Anderson (Hutchinson, £20)
Victorian News and Newspapers, by Lucy Brown (Oxford, £32.50) PH

Winter warning

A 30-minute video film which spotlights the dangers of hypothermia among old people has been made for the British Medical Association and sponsored by the Electricity Council. The video, which explains how cold kills, is aimed particularly at health professionals, social workers, voluntary workers and all who come into contact with the old and the frail. Explaining that more than a quarter of the elderly population live alone, often in poor quality housing, the film calls for greater social involvement. One of the common problems facing the elderly is a reduced ability to perceive temperature accurately; they can leave windows open in winter without being aware of the drop in their household temperature. The film shows how remote monitoring systems can check both the room temperature and the movement of people in the house in a comunity experiment. Copies of the video can be bought or borrowed from the Electricity Council film library. . . .

Still on a wintry note, the Yorkshire Water Board has mounted a campaign to cut the cost in burst water pipes, currently running at £25 million a year. It advises turning off taps properly, especially last thing at night, and putting plugs in baths, washbasins and sinks; protecting cisterns in outside lavatories by draping them with cloth, sacking or even paper and lagging pipes with felt, having dripping taps repaired and putting a small heater or lamp near pipes liable to freeze.

Roads

Midlands: A5: Closed for repairs between Whittington and Gobowen, Shropshire; diversions via A483 and 495. M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 2 (Oldbury) and 3 (Quinton); southbound entry slip at junction 2 now open. M5: Widening work between junction 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); lanes closed both way; no northbound access at junction 5; expect long delays; 50mph speed limit.

Wales and West: M4: Lane restrictions and contraflow between junctions 22 and 24 (Chepstow to Newport). A5: Temporary lights at Bearway Hill, one mile W of Okehampton.

North: M6: Work on central reservation between junction 32 and 33, Lancs. M18: Northbound carriagway closed; contraflow between junctions 6 (Selby)and7 M62) S Yorkshire/ Humberside. A6: Resurfacing work at Kirkland in Kendal, Cumbria.

Scotland: Hope Street, Glasgow centre, closed at junction with W George Street; diversions. George Street closed to eastbound traffic between Hanover Street and Frederick Street, Edinburgh. A74: Both outside lanes closed S of Beattock Summit, Lanarkshire.

Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

Births: John Cotton, Puritan leader in New England, Derby, 1585; Thomas Carlyle, Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, 1795; Samuel Butler, author of *Erewhon*, Langar Rectory, Nottinghamshire, 1835; Rainer Maria Rilke, Poet, Prague, 1875.

Deaths: Cardinal de Richelieu, Paris, 1642; Thomas Hobbes, political philosopher, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; John Gay, poet and dramatist, author of *The Beggar's Opera*, London, 1732; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, prime minister 1812-27, London, 1828; Stefan George, poet Minusic, Switzerland, 1933; Thomas Morgan, geneticist, Nobel Laureate, 1933, Pasadena, California, 1945; Benjamin Baron Britten, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, 1976.

Filmed records

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) is now able to offer for sale microfilm copies of indexes to more than 215 million birth, death and marriage records for England and Wales for the years 1866 to 1980 inclusive. Until now the national indexes have been available to the public for consultation only in the Public Search Room of OPCS in central London. In future family history societies, genealogical societies, county records and other organizations or individuals will have the opportunity of purchasing microfilm copies and of making them available locally if they wish. It should then be possible for many researchers to examine the microfilm indexes in their own local record or society, thereby reducing the time and costs involved in travelling to the capital. The cost of microfilm of the indexes is, for the period 1866-1912 inclusive: £7 per quarter, plus postage and packing, plus VAT; for the period 1913-1980 inclusive; £20 per quarter plus postage and packing, plus VAT. A prospectus and order form is now available from the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys, Registration Division (Microfilm Orders), St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.75	2.13
Austria Sch	27.30	25.90
Belgium Fr	78.50	75.10
Canada $	2.13	2.04
Denmark Kr	14.11	13.41
Finland Mkk	8.40	8.00
France Fr	11.79	11.29
Germany DM	3.87	3.69
Greece Dr	275.00	255.00
Hong Kong $	11.80	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.283	1.203
Italy Lire	2640.00	2510.00
Japan Yen	316.00	300.00
Netherlands Gld	4.55	4.15
Norway Kr	11.69	11.14
Portugal Esc	246.00	233.00
South Africa Rd	4.20	3.75
Spain Pta	239.50	227.50
Sweden Kr	11.81	11.26
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.07
USA $	1.543	1.473
Yugoslavia Dnr	640.00	500.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.
London: The *FT* index closed 3.9 up at 1128.3.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): European Communities (Spanish and Portuguese Accession) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill, remaining stages. Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road) Order Confirmation Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Debate on the mentally ill and mentally handicapped.

Weather forecast

A very mild southerly airstream will persist across most areas.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England; E Anglia, Channel Islands: Outbreaks of rain at first becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 14c (57f).

E, W Midlands, E, SW England, S Wales: Rain in places at first, becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 14c (57f).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 13c (55f).

Central NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 13c (55f).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney: Outbreaks of rain; wind SW veering N moderate; max temp 10c (50f), becoming colder.

Shetland: Outbreaks of rain; wind NW moderate or fresh; max temp 8c (43f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable; becoming colder with showers turning to sleet or snow in N.

Sea Passages: North Sea, Strait of Dover: wind SW strong occasionally gale; sea rough. English Channel (E): wind SW strong, occasionally gale, decreasing moderate; sea rough becoming slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind SW moderate or fresh occasionally strong; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 7.48 am Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon: 12.50 pm Moon: 10.43 pm
Last quarter tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 4.24 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 4.33 pm to 7.23 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 7.56 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.34 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sunny.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c 11	52	Guernsey	c 12	54
Birmingham	s 13	55	Inverness	c 10	50
Blackpool	s 11	52	Jersey	c 11	52
Bristol	f 14	57	London	c 14	57
Cardiff	f 13	55	Manchester	s 14	57
Edinburgh	r 9	48	Newcastle	s 13	55
Glasgow	r 10	50	Ronaldsway	s 12	54

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,014.2 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

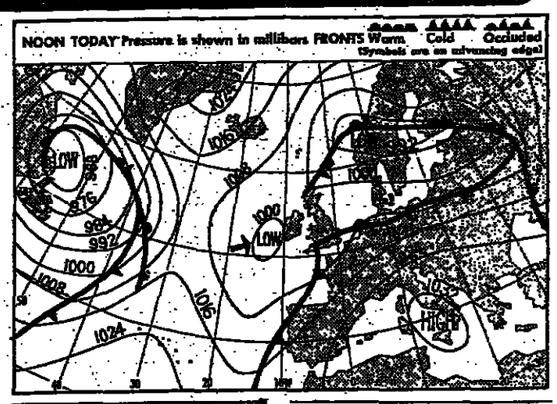
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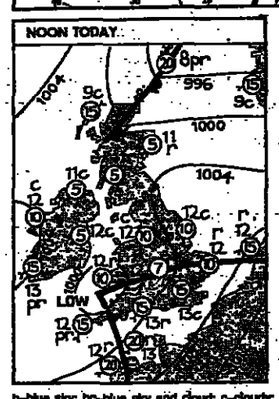
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Exeter, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Tiree, 1.08in; highest sunshine: Newcastle, 5.5hr.

Times world-wide

Noon in London is: 6 am in New York; 3 am in San Francisco; 8 pm in Tokyo; 9 pm in Canberra; 1 pm in Johannesburg; 3 pm in United Arab Emirates; 2 pm in Kenya; 12 noon in Nigeria; 3 pm in Moscow; 7 pm in Hong Kong.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; l-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.29	6.2	6.08	6.3
Aberdeen	5.46	3.5	5.40	3.7
Avonmouth	10.57	10.7	11.20	10.3
Belfast	3.04	2.9	3.27	3.3
Cardiff	10.42	10.0	11.15	9.7
Devonport	9.12	4.9	9.47	4.5
Dover	2.42	5.8	3.04	5.5
Falmouth	8.42	4.7	9.17	4.3
Glasgow	4.39	4.2	4.40	4.6
Harwich	3.34	3.5	4.08	3.7
Holyhead	2.19	4.5	2.34	4.8
Hull	10.26	6.1	10.27	6.1
Ilfracombe	9.53	7.5	10.30	7.2
Leith	6.53	4.6	7.15	4.6
Liverpool	3.01	7.7	3.21	7.9
Lowestoft	2.39	2.2	2.06	2.0
Margate	3.41	4.3	4.17	4.2
Milford Haven	10.14	5.7	10.51	5.4
Newquay	9.10	5.8	9.48	5.5
Oban	9.26	3.8	10.25	3.9
Penzance	8.30	4.9	8.58	4.5
Portland	10.16	1.8	11.16	1.5
Portsmouth	3.24	4.0	3.35	3.9
Shoreham	2.55	5.3	3.19	5.1
Southampton	2.58	5.3	3.19	5.1
Swansea	10.13	7.8	10.47	7.4
Tees	8.04	4.4	8.08	4.6
Weiton-on-Naze	3.22	3.7	4.02	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	4.5	.01	13	55	sunny
Bridlington	3.6	.01	14	57	bright
Cromer	–	.04	13	55	bright
Lowestoft	–	.04	14	57	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	–	11	52	cloudy
Margate	–	–	14	57	cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	.07	12	54	dull
Hastings	–	.07	12	54	dull
Eastbourne	–	.07	13	55	cloudy
Brighton	–	.07	12	54	dull
Worthing	–	.09	12	54	cloudy
Littlehampton	–	.03	13	55	cloudy
Bognor R	–	.04	12	54	cloudy
Southsea	–	.07	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	–	.07	13	55	dull
Shanklin	–	.08	14	57	cloudy
Bournemth	–	.08	12	54	dull
Poole	–	.15	14	57	cloudy
Swanage	–	.11	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	–	.09	13	55	dull
Exmouth	1.0	.35	14	57	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.5	.34	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	–	.35	14	57	cloudy
Falmouth	–	–	14	57	cloudy
Penzance	0.5	–	14	57	dull
Jersey	–	.10	13	55	cloudy
Guernsey	–	–	14	57	cloudy
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.9	–	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	–	–	14	57	cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe	–	0.4	14	57	sunny pm
Tenby	5.3	.04	15	59	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	4.0	.09	14	57	cloudy pm
Southport	4.5	.43	12	54	bright
Morecambe	–	–	–	–	–
Douglas	8.5	–	12	54	bright
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (City)	–	.02	15	59	cloudy
B'ham (Airpt)	3.0	.19	13	55	sunny pm
Bristol (City)	2.3	.06	15	59	bright
Cardiff (Cty)	1.5	.02	13	55	bright
Anglesey	3.2	.02	12	54	cloudy am
B'pool (Airpt)	4.1	.07	12	54	bright
Manchstr	0.5	–	14	57	bright
Nottingham	2.5	.02	14	57	bright
N'cstl-u-Tyne	5.6	–	13	55	sunny
Carlisle	2.5	1.4	13	55	gale
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	–	.30	10	50	showers
Prestwick	–	.05	13	55	showers
Glasgow	–	.52	12	54	rain
Tiree	1	1.08	11	52	rain
Stornoway	0.2	.68	10	50	drizzle
Lerwick	–	.69	9	48	rain
Wick	–	.16	10	50	rain
Kinloss	0.4	.04	12	54	rain am
Aberdeen	1.9	.12	13	55	bright
St Andrews	–	–	–	–	–
Edinburgh	–	.08	12	54	rain
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	2.6	–	12	54 sunny pm

Highest and lowest

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Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	17	63	Cologne	c	14	57	Rome	s	18	64
Alicante	f	17	63	Copenhagen				Malaga	f	19	66
Alexandria	c	21	70	Corfu				Malta	s	21	70
Algiers				Dublin	s	13	55	Melbourne	f	24	75
Amsterdam	f	13	55	Dubrovnik	s	14	57	Mexico C*	t	16	61
Athens	s	20	68	Faro	s	18	64	Miami*	t	26	82
Bahrain				Florence				Milan			
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	s	11	52	Montreal*	s	-9	23
Barcelona	c	13	55	Funchal	c	21	70	Moscow	sn	-11	12
Beirut				Geneva	s	11	52	Munich		-2	28
Belgrade	s	15	59	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Nairobi	f	25	77
Berlin	c	13	55	Helsinki				Naples			
Bermuda*	s	25	77	Hong Kong	f	23	73	New Delhi	s	22	72
Biarritz	s	24	75	Innsbruck	s	5	41	New York	t	9	48
Bologna	c	12	54	Istanbul	f	12	54	Nice	s	14	57
Bordeaux	s	17	63	Jeddah				Oslo			
Brussels	c	13	55	Jersey				Paris	c	13	55
Budapest	s	11	52	Kuwait	s	28	82	Penang	s	31	88
Buenos Aires*	s	29	76	Las Palmas	s	26	77	Perth	s	29	84
Cairo	f	21	70	Lisbon	s	17	63	Prague	s	12	54
Cape Tn	f	23	73	Locarno	s	8	46	Reykjavik	s	-1	30
Chicago*	s	-9	16	Los Angeles*	c	12	54	Rhodes	s	17	63
Christchch*	c	11	52	Luxembg	s	12	54	Riyadh			
Colombo				Madrid	s	13	54	Rio de Jan*	s	24	75
Salzburg	s	12	54
San Pedro*	c	21	70
S Francisco*	f	15	59
Santiago*	s	29	84
Seoul	t	6	43
Singapore	r	28	79
Stockholm	sn	-0	32
Strasbourg	s	14	57
Sydney	f	22	72
Tel Aviv	a	17	63
Tenerife			
Tokyo		14	57
Toronto	sn	-5	23
Tunis			
Warsaw	f	12	54
Vancouver	sn	-3	27
Venice			
Vienna	s	5	41
Warsaw	c	4	39
Washington*	s	8	46
Wellington*	t	10	50
Zurich	s	17	70

Yesterday's figures are listed alphabetically